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Unionists threaten to torpedo talks

Blair accused of softening line on IRA

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent, and Philip Webster

TONY BLAIR was accused by the Ulster Unionists last night of watering down his stance on disarming IRA terrorists as part of secret negotiations with Sinn Fein to win a ceasefire.

The Prime Minister was given a blunt warning by David Trimble, the Unionist leader, that his efforts to save the Northern Ireland peace talks would fail unless he toughens a paper on decommissioning agreed by the British and Irish governments.

At a tense hour-long meeting in Downing Street, Mr Trimble said he would vote against the 12-page agreement unless it was amended by Wednesday's deadline. Such a move would lead to the collapse of the year-old multi-party talks at Stormont because they cannot move onto substantive negotiations until the parties have reached agreement on IRA weapons.

Mr Trimble last night published a letter from the Northern Ireland Office to Sinn Fein dated July 9 which he said proved that ministers had weakened their demands on decommissioning in the hope of achieving an IRA ceasefire. Mr Trimble was shown the letter before his meeting with Mr Blair.

Within hours of the leak, the Northern Ireland Office also published the letter fearing that it was being misinterpreted. It was sent by Quentin Thomas, its political director, to Martin McGuinness, the Sinn Fein MP for Mid-Ulster.

It was a serious setback to Mr Blair's new initiative in Northern Ireland. Mr Blair and Mr Trimble will meet again early next week in an attempt to keep the fragile process moving.

Trimble: tense meeting in Downing Street

The four-page letter made clear that Republicans would be invited to substantive political negotiations simply on the basis of an IRA ceasefire. The process of decommissioning would only have to begin once progress was made in the political talks. This is in line with the arms report of 1995 drawn up by Senator George Mitchell, which has won Mr Trimble's qualified support.

However, Mr Trimble accused the Government of reneging on a commitment, made in the first draft of the Anglo-Irish decommissioning paper on June 25, that the political parties at the talks would be able to review progress in decommissioning every two months.

The letter published yesterday simply said: "The joint proposals would also provide a regular review mechanism to consider developments across the negotiations as a whole and to consider whether the necessary confidence and momentum towards agreement is being sustained."

Mr Trimble said that this was weakened even further in a statement to the Stormont talks on Wednesday by Paul Murphy, the Political Development Minister. Mr Murphy said that the review sessions would give parties a chance to assess whether progress was being made.

He added: "If there were genuine worries on that score the Anglo-Irish proposals envisage that the independent chairmen, as a group, might have a role to play in indicating the need for progress on particular issues in order to sustain the necessary momentum."

Mr Trimble said that this sentence deprived him of his "communication cord" which would allow him to stop the talks if he was dissatisfied with progress on decommissioning.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, denied a weakening in the Government's stance. She said that the letter to Sinn Fein was designed for the "sole purpose" of clarifying a number of points for the party. "I have no intention of allowing the Government to be drawn into open-ended exchanges with Sinn Fein as a stalling tactic and would be surprised if any new and significant points of clarification were now to emerge."

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The Masters champion Tiger Woods makes a birdie putt on the 18th green in the Open at Troon yesterday. His first round was a one over par 72. Report: page 45

New suspect arrested over mother and child murder

By Joanna Bale and Stewart Tendler

DETECTIVES hunting the killer of mother and daughter Lin and Megan Russell arrested a man yesterday in connection with their murders a year ago.

The unnamed suspect, in his mid-thirties, was held at an address in Kent's Medway area at about 8.30am and taken to Chatham police station. His arrest came after an appeal for information by the BBC 1's *Crimewatch UK* programme last week on the first anniversary of the crime.

The broadcast prompted more than 1,000 calls and several new names were put forward. Police say the arrested man was one of these.

Mrs Russell, 45, and her daughters Josie, nine, and Megan, six, were on their way home from a school swimming gala in Goodnestone, Kent, when they were attacked by a man wielding a hammer. Mrs Russell and Megan died at the scene but, in spite of extensive head injuries, Josephine survived and has been able to give police vital clues.

Last week's appeal included new video footage and photographs of Josephine playing at her new home in Wales, where she lives with Shaun, her father. One Kent detective said yesterday: "The man is being interviewed about the murders, but we do not know how it is going to shape up. We are not clear at this stage if this is the man."

A police spokesman confirmed that a man had been arrested but added: "What we don't want is for the public to think that this is the end of the inquiry. We would like anyone who may have information, however trivial, to contact us."

The police have 36 hours to question the man and can then apply to magistrates for a further 36 hours. After a second extension of 24 hours they must charge or release him.

Josephine has been able to tell detectives that the man who killed her mother and sister stopped his car in a remote country lane and demanded money from Mrs Russell. She had none with her, and pleaded with the man not to hurt them, telling Josephine to run for help.

But the man gave chase when she did so and brought her back. He then attacked them all with the hammer after tying them up with one of their swimming towels and their shoelaces. Mrs Russell and Megan died instantly. Their pet dog Lucy was tied to a tree and also killed.

Detectives have begun DNA testing 125 people of the 8,000 people they have already interviewed concerning the murder to try to discover a match to a strand of hair found at the crime scene. This follows the development of new techniques in DNA testing that do not require a root to be attached to the hair. Police confirmed that the testing had begun but said it would be at least three weeks before any results were available.

Josephine's description of her attacker resembles the photofit of a suspect seen driving from the scene, but detectives said they had no plans to bring her to Chatham police station to look at the man being held.

In December last year detectives arrested Robert Fryer, 35, actress Joanna Lumley's former gardener, in connection with the murders. Mr Fryer, who was unemployed, lived in Goodnestone. He was released without charge after more than 60 hours.

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Gay serial killer may have struck again

From Tom Rhodes in Miami

THE FBI was last night investigating possible links between the shooting of Gianni Versace in South Beach on Tuesday and the brutal murder of a homosexual doctor discovered in the bedroom of his nearby home yesterday.

The latest twist in America's nationwide manhunt for Andrew Cunanan, 27, the gay prostitute believed to have killed the Italian fashion designer, came as investigators revealed the serial murderer may have been in the Miami region since early June. And it increased fears throughout the region that Mr Cunanan, described by FBI profile experts as a spree killer who has haunted gay communities from Minnesota to Florida, may swiftly strike again.

Federal agents went to the scene of the second murder in Miami Springs where Silvio Alfonso, a Cuban-born doctor, had been found dead in his red-roofed bungalow.

Mr Alfonso was said by his neighbours to have been an active homosexual who had frequent male visitors. He has two daughters living in Cuba. A white man fitting the description of Mr Cunanan was seen by witnesses running away from the district, ten miles north of the Miami International Airport. He was wearing a jacket and carrying various items, including a set of keys and a brown paper bag which were dropped in his hurry to escape. Police had been alerted by a burglar alarm, tripped as the murderer left the ransacked property.

How Edward III tried to stop female succession

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

A FADED and charred document in the British Library has been identified as a 1376 charter in which Edward III named his successor and stipulated that the Crown should pass only through the male line.

Michael Bennett, the British-born Professor of History at the University of Tasmania, said: "It's so remarkable to get a document like this, a lost piece of a jigsaw in terms of how we've understood the laws of succession to the Crown."

Until the reign of Edward III (1327-77) succession to the throne had been through the male line, unless the monarch had no sons, in which case it went to a male via the nearest female line.

It was not until the reign of Henry VIII (1509-47) that the Acts of Succession formally recognised the right of the female to inherit.

The charred fragment of vellum, a draft declaration by Edward III, is the earliest recorded manuscript laying out the male succession.

"The assumption in England since Anglo-Saxon and Norman times had been that the Crown could pass to and through females. However, the laws of the succession were very unclear, only clarified from the 16th century onwards, with Acts of Parliament," Prof Bennett said.

"What Edward III was trying to do, in line with current trends for the inheritance of dukedoms and earldoms, was to seal up the descent through the male."

Scholars had been unaware of this charter, witnessed by his inner circle at Havering atte Bower, in Essex, one of Edward III's favourite manors.

It was in 1376, a year before his death, that Edward III fell ill and panicked about a successor. He is known to have drawn up a will at this time, detailing who should inherit his jewels and property.

Edward named his nine-year-old grandson Richard — who as Richard II succeeded him — as his heir and laid down an order of succession after that. He overlooked his daughter, Isabella, and his granddaughter, Philippa, in listing his subsequent heirs, even though Isabella was older than his surviving sons — including John of Gaunt, Edmund (later Duke of York) and Thomas (later Duke of Gloucester). Philippa, should by contemporary assumptions have been next in line.

"We could have had a Queen Philippa", he said. "Or, her sons, Roger or grandson, Edmund, as King. But it's difficult to rerun history. Roger died before Richard II anyway. We know little about Edmund, though there was a rebellion on his behalf, as Shakespeare's *Henry IV* tells us."

Professor Bennett stumbled across the charter on vellum — 4in wide by 8in deep bearing a text in Norman French —

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Edward III: ill king was trying to seal up the descent

Worldwide crash gives e-mail back to senders

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

TENS of millions of electronic mail (e-mail) messages failed to reach their destinations all over the world yesterday when the system crashed for the first time.

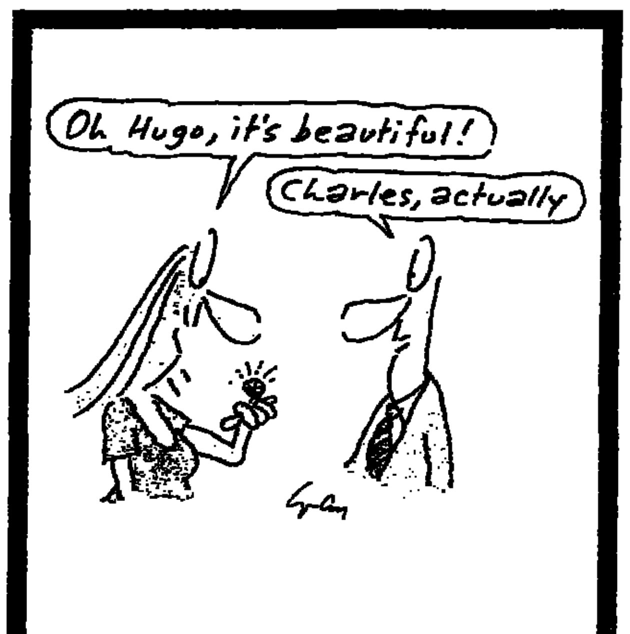
Business documents, idle gossip and love letters were bounced back to senders following the malfunction of computers. The system is unlikely to be fully operational until some time today.

Experts believe the scale of the fault is unprecedented with firms likely to have lost huge amounts of money. Nigel Titley, of BT Net, said: "People across the world are coming to rely on e-mail".

The failure, which happened in the early hours yesterday, was traced to 13 computers worldwide, including one based at Tele House in London's Docklands. The 13 are check centres which verify an e-mail address, such as letters@the-times-co.uk.

When an e-mail is sent, it makes its way first to a regional computer, which then asks one of the 13 check centres whether it recognises the address name. These so called "slave" computers are under the control of a "master computer" operated by Internic in Virginia, America. Mr Titley said: "The master computer had sent out faulty data."

Late yesterday a few of the "slaves" were back in service, allowing through some e-mail. In all, an estimated 75 per cent of all electronic mail failed to reach its destination.



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The gloves come off as leading lady takes on the shadow boxer

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POLITICAL SKETCH

Images of women wrestling in mud would be thought insulting these days. but it is hard for a journalist to describe (without offending codes of modern manners) the special piquancy that is lent to a scrap when the combatants are both female.

Yet in politics the sex of protagonist and opponent matters. Woman beats up Man (Thatcher v Kinnock) plays differently from Man enrages Woman (Alan Clark v Clare Short). The former hints at the mother-in-law or henpecked husband joke; the latter at the literature of unchivalrous brutes.

Man slugs it out with Man (Gordon Brown v Kenneth Clarke) conjures images of the boxing ring. And if you deny that Woman v Woman invites the metaphor of claws, elbows and a particularly acid quality characterised more by venom than by violence, then you miss a feature of the contest that does intrude, even if it should not.

Gillian Shephard and Ann Taylor are well-matched. Both are well-spoken and unfailingly "polite". Neither raises her voice. Both are quick-minded and conscientious. Both are middle-aged, middle class and moderate by temperament and ideology.

And, once a week at half past three on Thursday afternoons, this pair go at each other hammer and tongs, to the horrified amusement of all sides.

Mrs Taylor is Leader of the House. Mrs Shephard is Shadow Leader of the House. The job of House Leader is a weird one — a peculiarly British amalgalm of party political manager and Commons magistrate. She must organise the Government's business timetable for the benefit and convenience of the Government, and at the same time she must act for the Commons as a whole in negotiating fairly with Opposition parties and in giving everyone their shout.

These two roles are, of course, wholly inconsistent with each other, but when did the British Constitution ever let that get in its way? A skilful and likeable House Leader can just about square the circle and, in the opinion of some of us, Tony Newton did this for the last Government in an exemplary fashion.

It is too early to assess Ann Taylor. She is under pressure (with her huge majority) to ram things through; but she starts by being respected and well-judged. Not that that stops Gillian Shephard. A sparrow-like Education Secretary, she has converted herself fast into a sparrowhawk with keen eyes and sharp beak. Offered what some thought a non-job, she is turning it into one of the few posts from which the Government looks vulnerable — to charges of arrogance.

Yesterday, at Business Questions, she was politely merciless. Would Mrs Taylor note that the Welsh Secretary was ducking inquiries and arrange for him "some basic training in answering questions"? It was, said Shephard, her tone as arch as her eyebrow, "*very* disappointing to have to remind the Rt Hon Lady that her responsibility is to the whole House".

She put me in mind of a tiny, terrifying headmistress of my junior school. Would Taylor arrange a debate "on the cost of refurbishing the Lord Chancellor's personal accommodation"? Shephard wondered "why this former fat cat needs, at the taxpayers' expense, so *lavishly* furnished a basket?" Taylor accused Shephard of "carping". The two women looked daggers at each other. Ten weeks down, at least 100 still to go. This could get nasty.

☐ Following last week's sketch ("A bore is born") about Norman Baker (Lib Dem, Lewes), I must update you on the expanding horizons of Mr Baker's counsel. This week we have had his views on ethical investment by the Church, and the criteria for prosecution by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Pensions review aims at fairer deal for women

Jill Sherman on radical retirement proposals

WOMEN who spend several years out of work while caring for relatives would be entitled to pension credits under proposals being examined by the Government.

Harriet Harman yesterday announced a review of pension provision, with the aim of helping many low-paid workers, particularly women. The review, which will cover the basic state pension and the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (Serps), will focus on plans for a "stakeholder" second pension and a separate citizenship pension, mainly for women.

Ms Harman, the Social Security Secretary, said the citizenship pension would apply to 6.8 million carers unable to contribute to Serps or occupational pensions while unemployed. The main option being considered is that the Government would meet the weekly National Insurance contributions for them.

Women are also expected to benefit from proposals for pension-splitting for divorced couples and for a flexible decade for retirement. Ms Harman said one of the aims of the review was to "narrow the gap between men and women so as to give women more security in retirement".

Under the stakeholder pension, which will also help women, the Government would pay National Insurance rebates averaging £11 a week, ranging from 5p a week to £18, for those who opt out of Serps and join a personal pension scheme.

Although the rebates are expected to be at a similar level to those already given for those opting out of Serps, ministers argue that people will be encouraged to take up the stakeholder pensions because they will levy lower charges.

At present up to 70 per cent of the value of a pension can be taken up by fees. Ministers said yesterday they will impose maximum charges on pension funds, unless they are lowered anyway through market forces.

Women are particularly penalised under current pension schemes because they have to pay extra administrative charges every time they move in and out of work to have families or change to part-time jobs.

Ministers said yesterday that every aspect of pensions would be examined and the review, which will take nine months, is likely to overlap with the Treasury inquiry into the integration of tax and benefits. They also left open the door to higher rebates if necessary to encourage people to join stakeholder schemes, or introducing an element of compulsion. Tom Ross of Alexander Clay, the financial services specialists, and vice-president of the National Association of Pension Funds, has been asked by Ms Harman to chair a working party of pension experts to contribute to the inquiry. He is in favour of compulsory pension provision.

The National Pensioners' Convention, chaired by Jack Jones and representing more than 1.5 million people, will contribute to the review. Mr Jones, a former general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said yesterday that he would press for a rise in the basic state pension.

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, said that the Government's plans seemed to be "entirely devoid of substance".

The review was welcomed by pension users and providers. Gill Pitkeathley, chief executive of the Carers' National Association, said that the idea of citizenship pensions for carers was a "major step forward".

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Dilemmas exposed but few solutions offered

Confusion caused by pensions scandals has left the industry struggling with problems.
***Anne Ashworth** reports*

THE sundry pension scandals of the 1990s have left the 19 million people saving for their retirement bewildered and confused. The Budget pension tax changes have added to the state of uncertainty.

No mention of Gordon Brown's £5 billion pension tax raid was made in the Secretary of State's announcement. Harriet Harman diplomatically concentrated on the need thoroughly to reform the whole pension system, with its numerous imperfections.

Her aims are wider than the state pension changes proposed by the Tories shortly before the election. The Conservative plan aimed simply at increasing pension saving, rather than revolutionising the current arrangements.

To illustrate the need for change, Ms Harman highlighted the "widening inequalities" in the system; there is a yawning gap between the pension haves and the pension have-nots. Those who have enjoyed steady, lucrative employment can contemplate a comfortable retirement. Those in irregular work must depend on the meagre state pension. While £600 billion is invested in company pension schemes, four out of ten adult workers have no savings for retirement apart from the state pension.

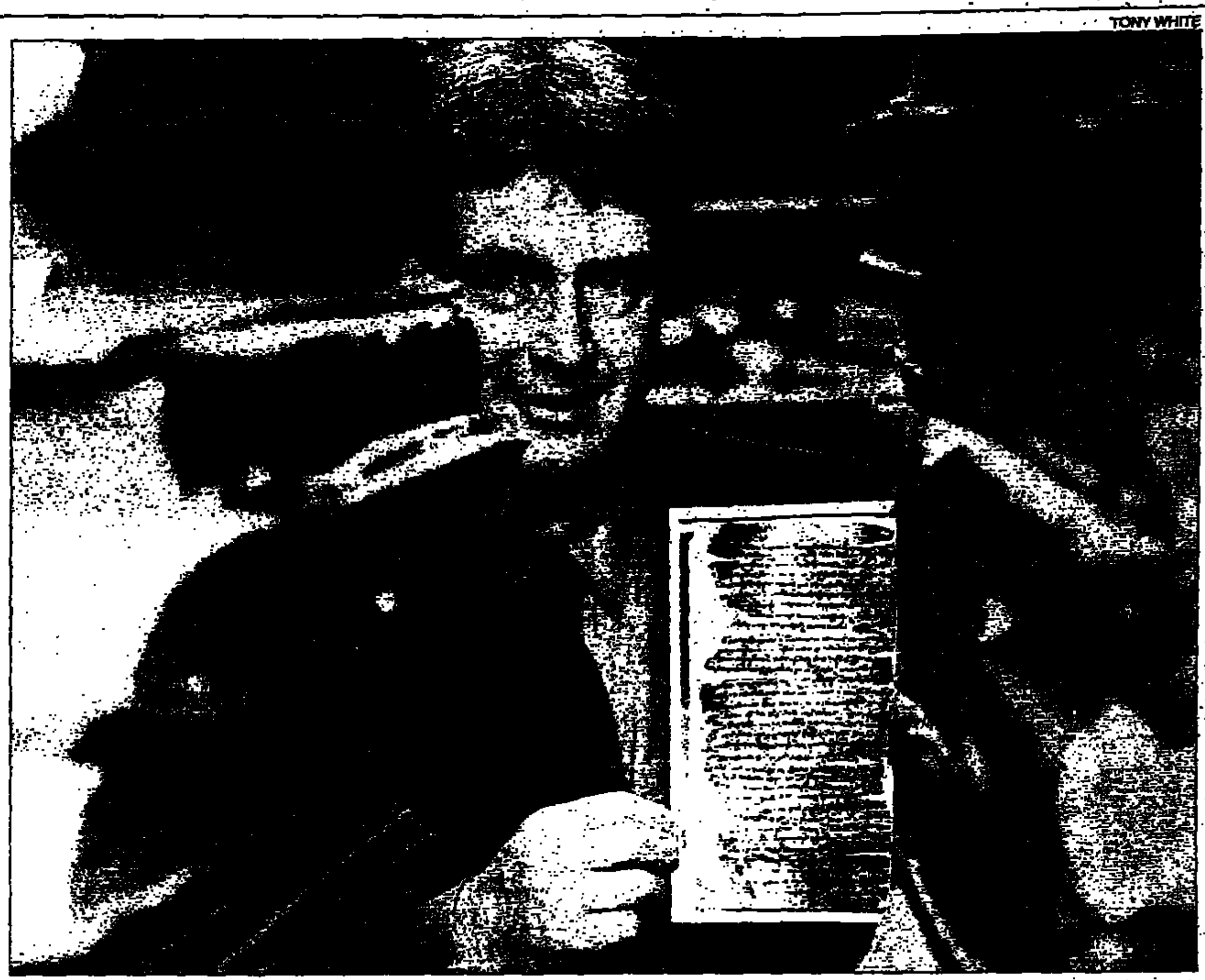
The announcement ably underlined the system's shortcomings but delivered few solutions. For example, the life insurance companies and the insurance arms of the big banks are, at present, the only organisations with the systems capable of operating the new "stakeholder pensions" for those on low incomes.

But more than 20 of this industry's biggest names have recently been censured by Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary, for their delay in compensating the thousands improperly advised to leave company schemes for poor-value personal pensions.

Perhaps the review will be carefully timed to allow the companies to give recompense to the victims of their misselling and to make a firm purpose of amendment.

The life insurers will be anxious to participate in the stakeholder pension market, providing simple, low-cost plans. But how will they be able to justify offering cut-price plans to one group, while continuing to extract high fees from existing customers?

The Harman announcement did not clarify what kind of organisation would be offering the new wholesome sounding "citizenship pensions" for housewives and carers.



TONY WHITE

Professor Bennett in the British Library with the Edward III succession document: "a lost piece of a jigsaw"

Edward barred women from throne

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while researching a book on the politics of the reign of Richard II.

His discovery has a contempoaray interest as a Bill seeking to give equal rights to women to succeed to the throne, passed its first Parliamentary hurdle in the House of Lords earlier this month. Peers gave approval for Lord Archer to seek the Queen's permission to bring forward his Succession to the Throne Bill, which would overturn the 800-year-old tradition by which sons take precedence over daughters in the Royal Family.

David Starkey of the London School of Economics, a leading constitutional historian, said: "This rewrites the history of the reign of Richard II and the Wars of the Roses... What's unusual is the degree of precision involved. The thing I just found fascinating is the way in which this is the absolute antithesis of what is going on now. Jeffrey Archer is undoing the work of John of Gaunt, who was one of the chief sponsors of this and one of the chief beneficiaries. It's two centuries separated by 600 years, both dealing with the same question, — the nature of the succession and equally for reasons of self-interest."

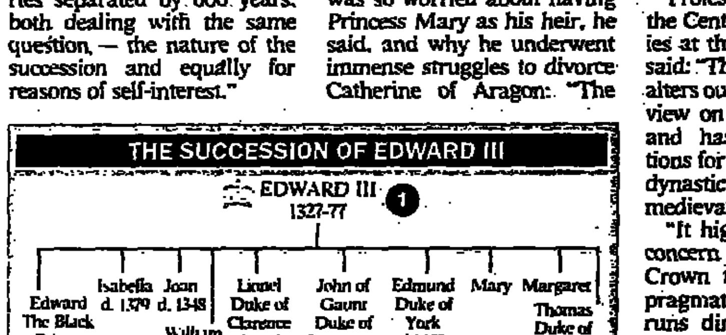
He noted how this casts new light on Henry VIII, in whose reign the moves towards female succession took place. This helps to explain why he was so worried about having Princess Mary as his heir, he said, and why he underwent immense struggles to divorce Catherine of Aragon: "The actual modern rule — the male first, followed by women in order of birth — was first sketched out in the Succession Acts of Henry VIII."

Professor Mark Ormrod, of the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of York, said: "This discovery radically alters our view of Edward III's view on the royal succession and has profound implications for our understanding of dynastic politics in the late medieval state.

"It highlights Edward III's concern for the descent of the Crown through the male, a pragmatic viewpoint which runs directly counter to his own claim to the throne of France." Edward III led England into the Hundred Years' War with France, ironically claiming the French throne through his mother, Isabelle of France.

The document had been badly damaged in a fire in 1731 at Ashburnham, shortly before entering the British Museum in the 1750s.

THE SUCCESSION OF EDWARD III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NEWS IN BRIEF

Prince's links with Labour 'unwise'

The Prince of Wales is treading an unwise and dangerous course in so obviously associating himself with Labour ministers and their policies, Lord Blake, the constitutional historian and Tory peer, said yesterday.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *Today*, Lord Blake echoed the concern of some Conservative MPs about the Prince's policy discussions with a number of ministers. "I think the tradition of royal impartiality in politics is a very important one," Lord Blake said. The Prince's office said that he had been happy to meet Tory ministers, too.

Hostage hope

The wife of Keith Mangan, held hostage in Kashmir for more than two years with another Briton, Paul Wells, said yesterday she believed he was alive. Julie Mangan, 34, from Teesside, had met people in the region who believed they had seen them.

Nazi helpers

A new documentary on Nazi Germany features interviews with former collaborators that the producers say will destroy the popular belief that ordinary citizens refused to help Hitler. *The Nazis — A Warning From History* will be shown on BBC2 next month.

Gunman guilty

A gunman who killed a man who tried to prevent a street robbery in St Paul's, Bristol, was yesterday convicted of murder by Bristol Crown Court. Errol Jones, 24, of Salford, Greater Manchester, shot Evon Berry, 37, a caretaker, on New Year's Day, 1996.

Hilton acquitted

A hotel chain was cleared of blame for an accident in which a worker dismantling a lift nearly died. Judge Mota Singh, QC, ordered the jury at Southwark Crown to acquit Hilton International Hotels (UK) Ltd on four health and safety charges.

Peers inflict defeat over assisted places

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government last night suffered its second defeat in Parliament since taking office over its plans to scrap the Assisted Places Scheme.

Peers voted to allow children of families who are currently on the scheme to continue having their private school fees subsidised until the age of 13.

The Education (Schools) Bill, which will phase out the scheme over the next seven years, aims to cut the subsidy when pupils reach 11. This will force some less well-off parents to pull their children out of prep school two years early or make them pay full fees.

Peers voted for the change by 127 to 90 during the report stage of the Bill in the House of Lords.

The Tories said the Government had reneged on a promise to keep the scheme going until pupils already involved reached 13. They quoted a letter written in April by Peter Kilfoyle, then Shadow Schools Minister, to the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, saying: "If a child has a place at a school which runs to age 13, then that place will be honoured through to 13."

Lord Strathclyde, Tory Chief Whip in the Lords, said: "A promise is a promise. The people voted on these assurances made in the election. The Government may wish to forget that, we won't."

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, pledged to overturn the defeat when the Bill returns to the Commons next week. "This is a case of privilege defending privilege," he said. "It will reduce the money otherwise available from phasing out the Assisted Places Scheme to fulfil our manifesto commitment to reduce infant class sizes."

Government officials said that the Tory amendment would only affect some 400 pupils. The Government has offered to use ministerial "discretion" to allow some pupils to stay on to 13 in cases where parents could show that the pupil had been offered a place on the basis of Mr Kilfoyle's pre-election promise.

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Professor breaks down in court

Kathryn Knight hears don tell of family's agonising wait for indecent assault accusations to reach trial

A PHILOSOPHY professor accused of indecently assaulting two students broke down and wept yesterday as he spoke of the "agonising" year his family had spent waiting for the case to come to court.

His voice choking with emotion, Professor John Cottingham, 54, of Reading University, gripped the edge of the witness box and insisted that the claims by the women, then 21 and 23, that he had fondled and kissed them were a pack of lies.

Questioned by Sandra Stanfield, for the defence at Reading Crown Court, he said he had seen no harm in giving the students a lift from the garden party where they had met last July and allowing them into his room to see his manuscripts. Over his 25 years at the university, he told the jury, he had taught hundreds of young women.

Asked by Miss Stanfield if he had ever felt the urge to "run his hand up their legs while simultaneously groping their breasts", he replied that his career would not have lasted long if he had. "One learns to respect very quickly the boundaries that have to be observed when dealing with colleagues and students at work. I have always respected those boundaries."

He dismissed as absolutely ridiculous any suggestion that he was "into whips, chains and canes" after the students claimed he told them he usually possessed a cane.

Cross-examined by Simon Draycott, for the prosecution, the professor denied he had been excited by the women's company and said it did not occur to him to leave them at the faculty building and go to his room alone because he did not assume it was a problem. "With hindsight that's what I should have done and that was an error of judgment ... but I consider myself open and responsive to students. I've never been aloof or been one of those teachers who says 'don't bother me' and I've never been taken advantage of in that way before."

He also denied he had touched the girls believing he had their consent. "There's no truth in that whatsoever," he told the court.

His wife Myra, and daughter Joanna, 17, who together with his son Matthew, 20, have attended each day of the trial, broke down in the public gallery as he was led back into the dock from the witness box. The jury then heard from character witnesses, including the Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair, the Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge, and a former student.

Lord Aberdeen, who has lived near the professor and his wife in Upper Basildon, Berkshire, for 15 years, said they were a "most closeknit couple" who were highly esteemed locally.

Onora O'Neill, Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge, told the court she had known Professor Cottingham for ten years, and had often met socially at conferences. "There is plenty of opportunity for people to reveal inappropriate or predatory behaviour. In Professor Cottingham's case that never crossed my mind or anyone else I know."

Penelope Mordaunt, a 24-year-old philosophy graduate and former students' union president at Reading, said she had handled a number of complaints against academics in her capacity as student adviser but had no hesitation in coming forward to support Professor Cottingham, who had taught her for three years.

She had attended a conference at Oxford on her own at which the professor was also present. She described his attitude towards her as paternal and said he was anxious to make sure she was at ease. She had never felt threatened in his presence, she said.

Michael Proudfoot, head of the philosophy department at Reading University, said there had never been any complaints against him in the 25 years they had worked together. He had been the driving force behind the department's development.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

ASHLEY COOMBES

Professor Cottingham leaving court with his wife, Myra, daughter Joanna, and son Matthew. Earlier he broke down while giving evidence

Baby died after fall on floor, says carer

By Paul Wilkinson

A REGISTERED child-minder accused of killing a baby in her care by throwing her against a hard surface yesterday admitted she had dropped the four-month-old girl.

Angela Lee, who has two children of her own, admitted lying to the parents of Danielle Firth, hospital staff and the police about the incident at her home in February last year when she claimed the child toppled out of her chair. The prosecution has accused her of attacking Danielle because she was fractious.

Mrs Lee, 46, who had been praised by Kirklees social services the previous autumn, told Leeds Crown Court: "I dropped her on the kitchen floor. I've never dropped a baby in my care before, not even one of my own."

When asked why she had not revealed this before, she whispered: "I was so frightened. Once you tell a lie you have to continue with it."

She thought she might lose her child-minding licence and possibly have her own children taken from her.

Mrs Lee, of Denby Dale, west Yorkshire, who denies murder, said she cuddled Danielle after the fall and checked her for bruises but found none. When she looked at the child 45 minutes later, she saw something was wrong and rang for help.

The girl's skull was later found to be fractured in two places. The trial continues.

Widow and daughter accused of murder

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

THE widow and stepdaughter of a millionaire businessman who was shot outside his home were charged yesterday with his murder.

Richard Watson, 55, was killed as he climbed from his sports car at his £400,000 farmhouse in East Grinstead, West Sussex, in December.

His widow, Linda Watson, 43, will appear before magistrates at Haywards Heath, West Sussex, today with Amanda London-Williams, 22, a ballet teacher.

Mrs Watson was arrested as she arrived at Gatwick on a flight from Scotland yesterday. Her daughter was detained in Brighton. Earlier this year they were arrested for questioning and released on police bail.

Mr Watson had a computer company based in East Grinstead. His son Julian, 28, helped to run the business and has taken control of it since his death. After the shooting there was speculation of links to East European mafia groups.

Mrs Watson, a former Miss Arbroath and Miss Scotland finalist, married her husband in 1986. She offered a £10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of his killer. In January Mrs Watson said: "My life ended on December 10 with the death of the man I so deeply loved."

An appeal for information was also made on the BBC programme *Crimewatch UK*.

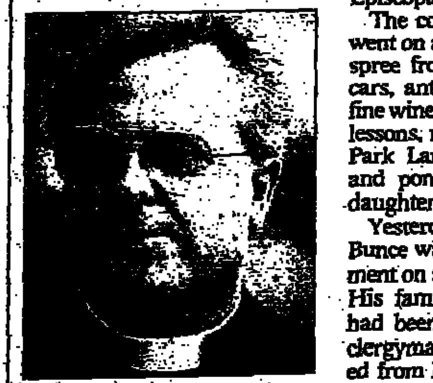
Thieving cleric is stripped of luxury assets

By Shirley English

A CLERGYMAN who funded a life of luxury for himself and his family using public funds earmarked to help the unemployed in his parish was fined £60,000 yesterday.

Dr Michael Bunce, 47, former Provost of St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Dundee, escaped a prison sentence but was ordered to sell his £105,000 family home to pay his fine after being found guilty of embezzling more than £44,000.

He also agreed to hand over a Mercedes and antiques and paintings he purchased with funds belonging to the St Andrew's Businessmen's Association, a limited training company he set up with local businessmen to help the jobless to find work. The goods will be auctioned and the money given back to the community he cheated.


Bunce: embezzled more than £44,000

Sentencing him at Forfar Sheriff Court, Sheriff Kevin Veal said he had decided not to send Bunce to jail because once he had served his sentence he would be free to resume his former lifestyle largely unaffected. Instead he should be stripped of his assets.

But he added that Bunce would be jailed for two years if the fine and a compensation order of £3,800 for a bank overdraft were not paid by October 31.

Bunce refused to apologise for his crime as he left court yesterday with his wife Frances, 42, a supply teacher, and daughter Naomi, 18. He had been found guilty three weeks ago, after a five-week trial, of embezzling £44,103 from the association, which he had founded in 1985 when he was Rector at St Andrew's Episcopal Church.

The court was told that he went on a three-year spending spree from 1989, buying fast cars, antiques, paintings and fine wines, flying and shooting lessons, nights at the Ritz and Park Lane hotels in London and ponies for his son and daughter.

Yesterday, Sheriff Veal said Bunce was guilty of embezzlement on a "truly grand scale". His family's fall from grace had been "catastrophic". The clergyman has been suspended from his post and ordered to leave the Dundee rectory within two months.

Kazakhstan at a crossroads over invasion of TV soaps

By Carol Midgley, Media Correspondent

A SOAP opera called *Crossroads*, which was funded by the British Government to introduce the merits of free enterprise to Kazakhstan, has become a runaway success watched by more than a third of the population.

The programme, an amalgam of British soaps such as *EastEnders*, *Coronation Street*, *The Archers* and the 1970s show *Crossroads*, achieves regular audiences of five million and is the third most popular programme in the country.

Scripted initially by British writers including Tony Jordan of *EastEnders*, the soap was intended as a way of helping people adapt to the market economy after the collapse of the Soviet Union. Now the republic is kept riveted by the fortunes of Askar, an Afghan war veteran who runs a newspaper kiosk in the capital Alma-Ata, Igor and Svetlana, who run a *Crossroads*-type motel and the problems of their respective families.

Single parenthood, marital strife, family disputes and financial problems have become staple fodder for the soap which is celebrating its 160th episode. But there are also moral messages. A man suffering from leukaemia caused by the Chernobyl disaster refused to accept a wheelchair from his brother because the money came from a protection racket.

The show's success is examined in a BBC Omnibus programme, *East of EastEnders*, to be screened later this month. The Department of International Development said its popularity had far exceeded expectations.

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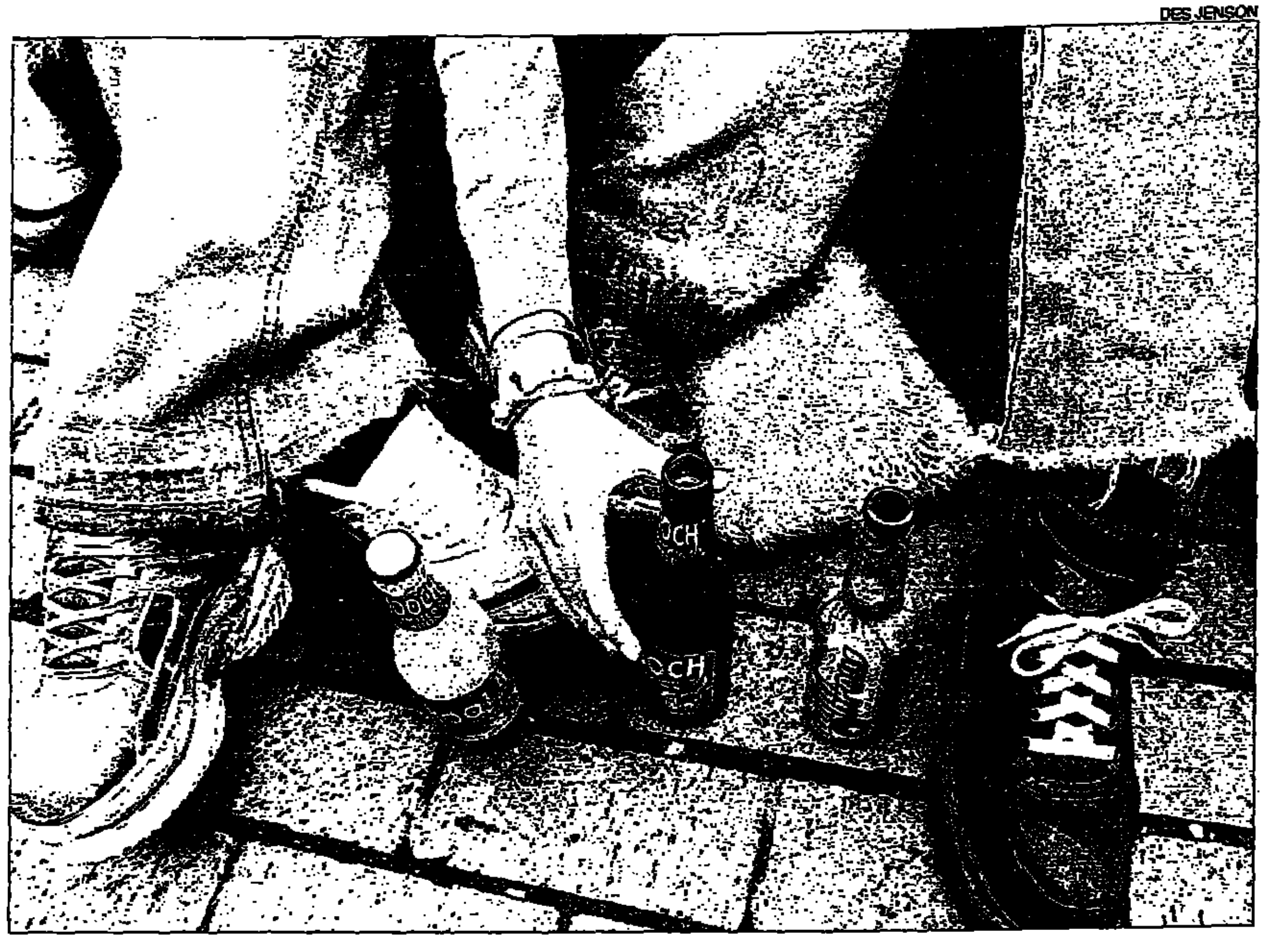
Teenage 'agents' to trap shops selling alcohol illegally

The Government is tightening the law to curb underage drinking but will not ban alcopops, reports **Richard Ford**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Teenagers in north London drinking alcopops. From next month the police can confiscate their drinks

TEENAGERS will be sent into shops to see whether they can buy alcohol as part of the Government's drive to curb underage drinking.

They will act as undercover detectives for local authorities which will then have the evidence to prosecute shops and bars selling alcohol to those under 18.

The youngsters will be sent into shops to see whether they can buy alcohol in a system that already operates to check on the sale of cigarettes and lottery tickets. Most of the young people helping the authorities will be the children of police and local government officers. They will not be paid.

The law in England and Wales is also to be brought into line with that in Scotland, making it an offence for adults to buy alcohol from a shop or off-licence at the request of an unsupervised youngster. From next month the police will also be able to confiscate alcohol from those under 18 found drinking in public.

But the Government has decided against banning alcopops, in spite of mounting concern that they are being used to entice young people into drinking.

The planned changes to the law, which the Government hopes to bring in during the current session of Parliament, are being backed by self-regulatory measures put forward by the drinks industry.

George Howarth, a junior Home Office Minister, warned the industry that if self-regulation failed, ministers would take further action to deal with underage drinking. He refused to disclose what that might be.

Ministers hope that the existing proof-of-age scheme, currently issued at the rate of 7,000 a month, will be extended with the result that all 18 to 20-year-olds will be forced to produce identification before buying alcohol. The voluntary scheme, run by the Portman Group, an organisation financed by the drinks industry, costs £500,000. Retailers have promised extra cash for the scheme but have so far failed to produce a figure.

Under the terms of the new code of practice retailers will be urged not to stock alcopops or any other alcoholic drinks deemed to be targeted at under-18s. The code, drawn up by the Portman Group, bans labels suggesting links with illicit drugs or sexual prowess and rules out images of people who appear to be under 25. It also bans the use of bright colours or child-like lettering as has been used on some bottles of alcopops.

The Magistrates' Association is to join in the assault on underage drinking by urging licensing authorities to take into account whether a retailer has followed the code of conduct when deciding whether to renew his licence.

Jean Coussins, director of the Portman Group, said they believed the two-pronged offensive would stop alcohol falling into young hands.

But other groups questioned whether the Portman Group would be able to police its own code. Sarah Berger, director of Drinkline, said: "We have seen over and over again that there are plenty of drinks manufacturers and retailers who will put profit before social responsibility."

Evidence published by the Home Office yesterday said that it was impossible to say whether alcopops did encourage youngsters to start drinking. It showed that young people still preferred cheaper drinks such as beer and cider to the more expensive new alcohol beverages. But research has shown that children are drinking more frequently than before and a quarter of 12 to 13-year-olds and nearly a third of 14 to 15-year-olds admitted having drunk alcopops in the previous week.

Only 20 per cent of 15 to 17-year-olds said they had been refused alcohol by a retailer.

Boy, 14, vanishes with friend's mother

By Stephen Farrell

AN INTERNATIONAL hunt was under way yesterday for a 14-year-old schoolboy who disappeared with his best friend's mother.

Ferry companies and airports were put on alert for Sean Kinsella and Tracey Whalin, 33, after they vanished from their homes in Nottingham on Monday.

Concern grew after police learnt that Sean, a promising footballer said to have had trials with Premiership clubs, was issued with a passport in his own name in Peterborough at 4pm the same day. Last night Sean's widowed mother, Beryl, was upset by the disappearance. Mrs Whalin's husband, David, 37, her son Ross, 14, Sean's closest friend and her two other children were also shocked.

Nottingham police said that despite extensive inquiries in Britain and abroad through Interpol there had been no contact and no sightings of the pair since Mrs Whalin left her home in her P-registration Ford Mondeo at 7.30am on Monday.

An hour later Sean left his mother's house two miles away, in school uniform, apparently heading for Bramcote Hall School. He was missed half an hour later when his mother, a barmaid, noticed clothes missing, and contacted the school to be told that he had not arrived.

Detective Inspector Ian Waterfield confirmed that Sean had often spent the night at the Whalins' home with Ross and that he had "become like one of the family to Tracey and David".

Mr Waterfield appealed for sightings of the green Mondeo, registration number P520 ETO. He said: "I would ask her to think of the pain that the families are suffering at the moment." If she contacted him, he said, she would be treated "with sympathy".

Schoolfriends said Ross had been visibly upset since Monday but refused to say why. Ian Saini, 14, said Sean always had a girlfriend until recently. "He has loads of muscles and all the girls love him."

Survey exposes myth of the feckless and absent father

By Alexandra Frean, social affairs correspondent

MEN are becoming fathers later in life and are devoting more time caring for their children than previous generations, according to research published yesterday.

The study by the Family Policy Studies Centre shows that just 1 per cent of teenage men are fathers compared with 5 per cent of teenage women. By their late twenties fewer than 37 per cent of men have fathered a child, compared with more than half of all women. Six in ten fathers reached their thirties before having their first child.

Despite public concerns that working parents find it hard to find time for family responsibilities, *Fathers and Fatherhood in Britain* says that both men and women are spending more time on child care than they were 30 years ago, particularly where both parents work. Time spent on child care rose fourfold for men against two and a half times for women between 1961 and 1995.

Lynda Clarke, one of the report's authors, said: "We know, anecdotally, that men are having children later in life — partly because women are — but this is the first time it has been measured how many men are fathers and at what age they become fathers."

The study shows that fathers are still the sole or main breadwinner in 64 per cent of two-parent families. Despite the increase in family breakdowns over the past 30 years, more than 80 per cent of fathers live with all of their own, biological children. One in eight fathers was not living with any of his children.

Ms Clarke said: "The fact that so many fathers are still living with their partners shows that fathers are perhaps not being as feckless as is often thought."

She added that the research exposed the confusion about the role of the father, who is expected to do more of the caring but still be the main breadwinner. Some unmarried fathers now felt there should be a direct link between a father's obligation to make a financial contribution for his children's care and his right to have contact with them.

Blood, sweat and spoil

THE newest part of England, created from the sweat and spoil of the Channel Tunnel, was opened to the public yesterday.

The 87 rolling acres of Samphire Hoe took six years to pile up below Shakespeare Cliff, west of Dover, using 4.9 million cubic metres of excavated chalk marl.

Among the 100 guests at the opening ceremony was Jill Janaway, a former teacher who won a competition to name the hoe. Her suggestion came from *King Lear*, where Shakespeare describes someone clinging precariously to the cliff face to pluck samphire, a culinary herb that has now been planted on the hoe:

"... halfway down / Hangs one that gathers Samphire, dreadful trade!"

Vets admit battle to keep quarantine laws is over

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

VETS abandoned their long-standing defence of the quarantine laws yesterday, saying that they reluctantly accepted the inevitability of change.

The British Veterinary Association said, however, that it would not join the campaign for change and would press the Government to conduct a feasibility study of the efficacy of alternative controls.

The association estimated that the number of dogs and cats imported would rise from 9,000 a year to more than 360,000 if quarantine rules were relaxed. Ted Chandler, the association's vice-president, said yesterday: "While the science is now available to justify a new approach in theory, the capacity and commitment to enforce a new system in practice is quite another matter.

"It should not be forgotten that eradicating a single outbreak might cost the public purse £4 million, plus the costs of disruption to individuals and business, possibly for several months. The veterinary profession will be on the front line, not only in ensuring that any new system works but also in the event of any breakdowns."

The Government is considering a system of controls based on anti-rabies vaccination and blood tests to prove the vaccine has taken. Imported pets would have to have certification showing the procedures had been carried out. Only animals from the European Union and countries elsewhere with rabies-free status would qualify for entry under the new system.

In a report to the Government, the association says importation of animals should be allowed through only a small number of ports and airports with authorised vets on site. Random blood tests should be carried out for a number of years to check adherence to the vaccination rules.

The new system should be funded mainly from licence fees paid by anyone importing a pet, the association says. A crucial element must be microchip identification of dogs and cats, it adds.

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TV antiques expert wins £200,000 after 'betrayal'

By Adam Fresco

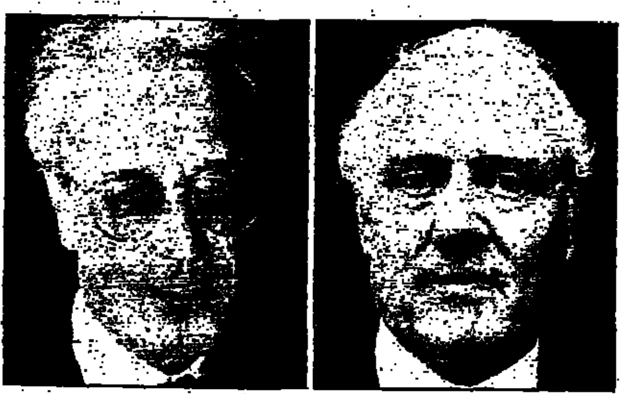
A FINE ART expert who appears on television's *Antiques Roadshow* yesterday won more than £200,000 damages in the High Court as a judge delivered a scathing attack on a leading dealer.

Peter Nahum had taken the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, Surrey, to court, claiming that it did not pay his 2.5 per cent commission for introducing the buyer of a Constable oil sketch, *View on the Stour*, which sold for £6.7 million in 1993.

Alan Hobart, who was acting for Sir Graham Kirkham, a multimillionaire collector and eventual buyer of the painting, was accused by the judge of "blatant lying and devious actions". It was said that Mr Hobart tried to cut Mr Nahum, his friend of 20 years, out of the deal, claiming he had done everything himself.

Mr Nahum had an agreement with the college to find buyers for three paintings that were being sold to raise money for restoration work on the college. A Turner went to the Getty Museum for £11 million in September 1993 without any involvement by Mr Nahum. He then introduced Sir Graham to the college as a potential buyer of a Gainsborough, *Peasants Going to Market*, which sold for £3.5 million. Mr Nahum was paid his 2.5 per cent commission of £100,000.

Mr Hobart told him that Sir Graham was not interested in the Constable. Mr Nahum later read in an arts magazine that he had bought it. The college refused to pay commission, saying Nr Nahum had had nothing to do with the sale.



Nahum, left, and Hobart had been friends for 20 years

Judge John Prosser said that Mr Hobart had told the college that he had dealt directly with the sale of the Constable and that it was "a completely separate deal", so there was no need to use Mr Nahum.

"This was an unscrupulous and totally callous use of one man by another — of Mr Nahum by Mr. Hobart," the judge said. "If one scrapes away the veneer of deceit, one can see a clear path from Mr Nahum to the purchaser of both paintings." The action of Mr Hobart, who runs Pym's Gallery in London, was "a sad betrayal of a very close friend of 20 years", the judge said. Mr Hobart had tried to mislead the court into believing that the Constable had not been bought by Sir Graham.

Judge Prosser said that "Mr Nahum was an honourable man, a straight-dealing man, a sensitive, intelligent man who has a reputation higher than most in the art world.

"I would not rely on Mr Hobart's word for anything in this case. It is very clear, in my view, that there was an agreement with Mr Nahum and the college."

The judge said he would not allow such "deviousness" to deprive Mr Nahum of his commission. He was awarded £196,800 plus interest.

Mr Hobart said after the case, from his gallery in London: "I don't think the judge actually grasped the full case and how it was structured. He did not understand the transaction and how it was set up. I do not retract anything that I said in the witness box."

PETER TREVNOR

Jubal, a male snow leopard, greets the public for the first time at Marwell Zoo, Hampshire, yesterday. Jubal and a female, Ella, were born at the zoo in May and were making their debut in the main enclosure after vaccinations. Snow leopards are an endangered species from the highest mountains in central Asia with only a few thousand left in the wild

Doctor struck off over bogus drugs trials

By Lin Jenkins

A DOCTOR who tried to defraud a drug company of £40,000 by carrying out bogus drugs trials on his patients was struck off for serious professional misconduct yesterday.

John Anderton, 63, put his patients through months of anguish as investigators sought to unravel the fraud over the new drug to treat heart and kidney disorders. None knew if they had been given it without consent.

Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, chairman of the General Medical Council's disciplinary committee, said: "The facts demonstrated that you repeatedly behaved dishonestly. In doing so you undermined the reputation of the medical profession and damaged the confidence of the public in the integrity of scientific research."

Rosalind Foster, barrister for the GMC, said that Dr Anderton, a consultant in the renal unit at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh, persuaded a young colleague to take part in his fraud over tests on the drug Amlodipine, marketed by Pfizer of Sandwich, Kent.

Miss Foster said that Dr Anderton, of Edinburgh, who admitted serious professional misconduct, was approached by Pfizer as an investigator in a study in which some of 32 patients were to be given the drug while others received a placebo.

Investigators became suspicious, however, when they noticed several anomalies in patient consent forms, witnessed by the doctor's clerical officer, Maureen Johnston.

Dr Anderton, a member of the International Society on Nephrology and the European Dialysis and Transplant Association, had told Mrs Johnston that the patients had agreed to the trial. She said she had never seen any of them. He forged 17 consent forms and did not give them the drug. Miss Foster said the doctor stood to make £40,000 out of the deception. "The clinical trials were a sham from beginning to end," she said.

She said that after the deception was uncovered, the hospital took immediate steps to allay the fears of heart and kidney patients, some of whom must have feared that they had been the unwitting recipients of drugs.

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Students must pay tuition fees from September 1999

Government gives a year's grace, reports John O'Leary

TUITION fees for higher education will be introduced in September 1999, subject to final agreement by the Cabinet next week.

Proposals for fees of up to £1,200 will be the subject of consultation over the summer and legislation could not be introduced until late autumn. But with students beginning to apply in September for places the following year, the Government would risk defeat in the courts if it abolished free tuition immediately.

Downing Street emphasised yesterday that parts of Sir Ron Dearing's report on higher education would be "refined" after it was published next Wednesday. But education ministers are convinced that fees of up to £1,200 are unavoidable if universities are to avoid a financial crisis.

Today's *Times Higher Education Supplement* says that Sir Ron has recommended restricting access to larger government-sponsored student loans to ensure that money is available at favourable rates to students from poor backgrounds. All applicants would face a means test. However, denying some students access to loans could magnify the middle-class backlash which ministers fear when they announce the introduction of fees and the loss of maintenance grants.

The proposals are already attracting fierce criticism. Douglas Trainer, president of the National Union of Students, said tuition fees would be fought "tooth and nail". Universities should look for more savings before students were required to repay fees, which would deter people from poorer backgrounds.

But Diana Warwick, chief executive of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said students benefited substantially from higher education and therefore should make a contribution to it.

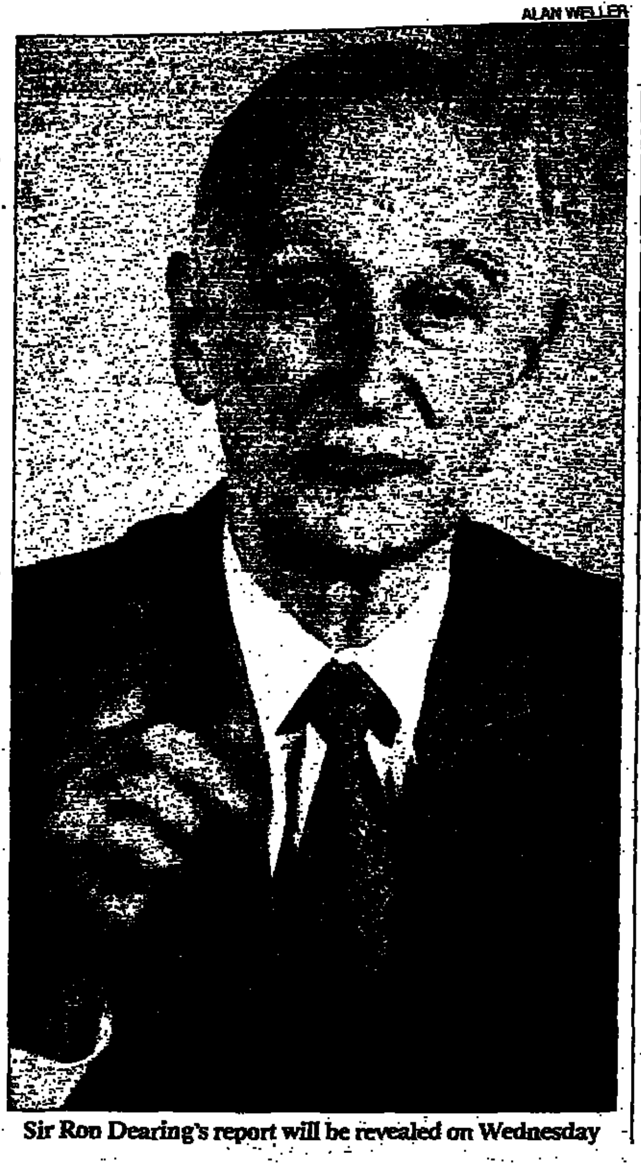
Don Foster, Liberal Democrat education spokesman, said: "We believe that the additional money urgently needed for higher education should come from a funding partnership of more money from students, through the conversion of maintenance grants into loans, more money from employers, and more money from the State."

Stephen Dorrell, Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said that ministers should study Sir Ron's proposals in detail before deciding how to tackle the problem. "It would be regrettable if the Government announced a conclusion before the higher-education world and other interested parties had an opportunity to consider the various options."

The report was commissioned by Gillian Shephard, the last Tory Education Secretary, with Labour support. Sir Ron will give a series of options, indicating preference for flat-rate tuition fees. Loans would be repaid over a longer period than the five years expected for existing maintenance loans, and repayments would be "income contingent". All graduates could get a discount for prompt payment, and the establishment of national scholarships would be one option to ensure that poor students were not excluded.

☐ Imposing fees on medical students would stop many potentially good doctors from entering the profession, Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association, said yesterday. "Medical students are already graduating with serious debts and this would deter people who would make good doctors from training," he said.

ALAN WELLER



Sir Ron Dearing's report will be revealed on Wednesday

Divorced fathers' duty to pay

A DIVORCED father's legal battle to cut all financial responsibility for his 20-year-old student daughter ended in defeat in the Court of Appeal yesterday (Frances Gibb writes).

Kenneth Beattie argued that it was "unjust, unfair and illogical" that he should be forced to pay £155 a month towards his daughter Laura's upkeep. The money, he said, was not needed because she received a full student grant and could work during the holidays. But two judges — who described his argument as "superficially attractive" — told him that the law "expressly extended parental liability to maintain children in full-time educational or vocational training".

Mr Beattie, from Plymouth, had already paid towards the upkeep of his elder daughter Nicola when she was at university between 1992 and 1995.

Poor maths linked to time spent in lessons

By Our Education Editor

TEENAGERS in English schools make more use of calculators and spend less time on mathematics than those in countries that did better in recent international comparisons.

An investigation by the National Foundation for Educational Research into the possible factors behind sharply diverging performances by English pupils in mathematics and science found that schools in England spend less time than most other countries on mathematics and more than most on science.

The study showed both nine and 13-year-olds from England and Scotland in the bottom third of more than 40 countries for mathematics, but near the top for science.

In mathematics, calculators were used far more frequently in England than in countries such as Japan.

Teachers in both subjects spent more time than their counterparts abroad on marking and administration, and less on preparing tests.

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Teachers who fail to keep order face sack in a month

By John O'Leary and Jill Sherman

TEACHERS who fail to control unruly children could be sacked within a month, according to plans to speed up the dismissal of incompetent staff.

Stephen Byers, the Minister for School Standards, will today give details of a new category of "gross incompetence" to cover teachers who let children run riot in the classroom. The category, which has been proposed by the Local Government Association, covers teachers who showed themselves "totally unable to control a class".

Mr Byers will announce in the Commons a fast-track system to remove those teachers once they have been identified by heads. Within a week of giving notice to a teacher, a disciplinary hearing would have to be held, followed by a speedy appeals system. Mr Byers will argue that at present it can take 18 months to dismiss an incompetent teacher and head teachers often cannot be bothered to instigate the lengthy procedure.

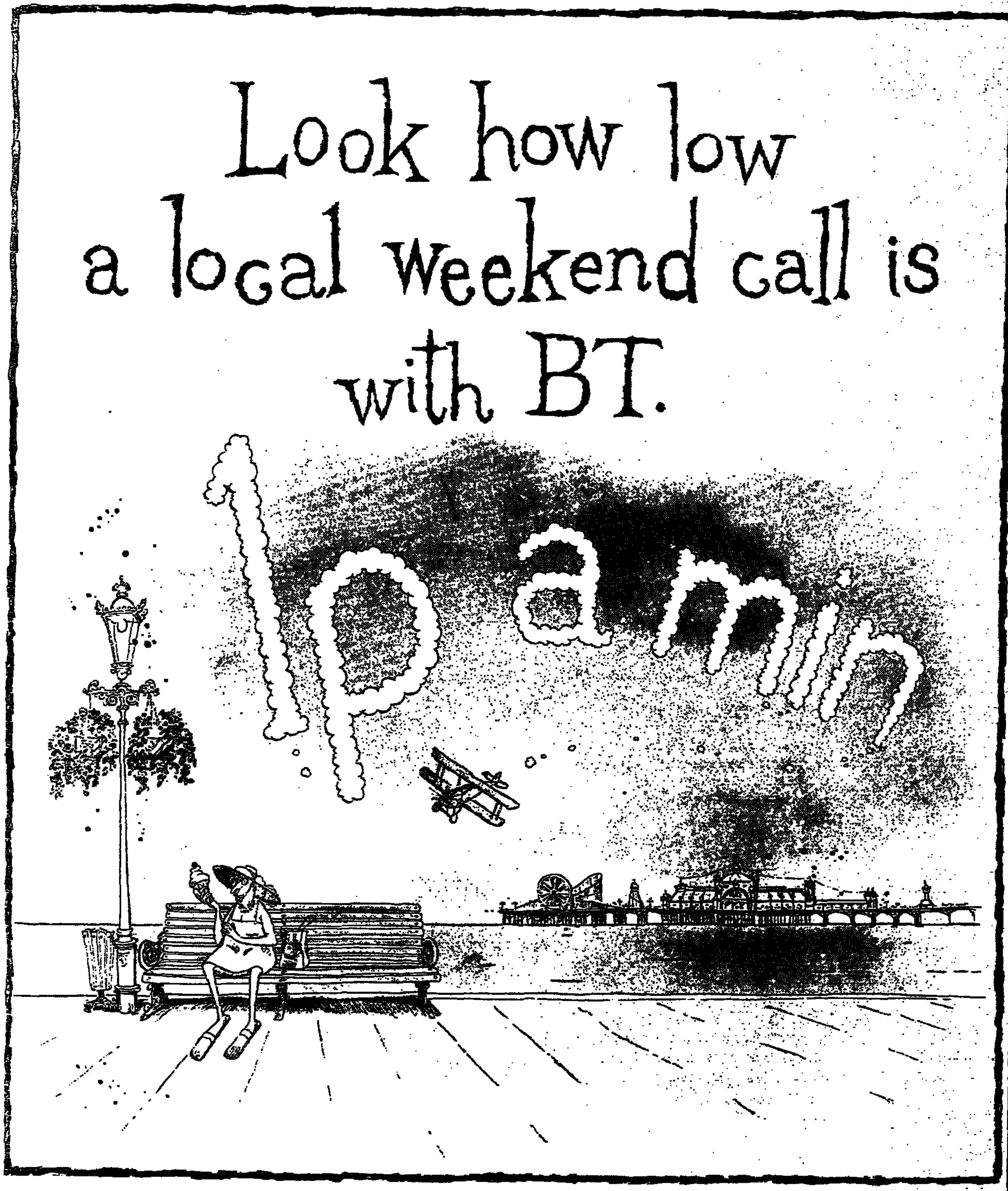
The Education Minister is also expected to outline his proposals for a probationary year for all new teachers, in which they would be expected to work part-time in schools and attend professional development courses. The new category for dismissal would only come into effect after the induction year, but older teachers would also be vulnerable.

Eamonn O'Kane, deputy general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "We would be extremely uneasy about it, to put it mildly. How do you define gross incompetence? This procedure could amount to gross injustice."

CORRECTIONS

☐ An incorrect statement in the letter from Mrs Jan Herbert (July 4) that the report by Lord Bridge of Harwich on *Synodical Government in the Church of England* referred to "sybaritic" bishops was the result of an editorial error, and was not in her original letter.

☐ Thomas Sutcliffe, television critic of *The Independent*, neither attended the General Synod (report, July 14) nor used the word attributed to him.



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Lisa McLean, who was back at home a day after undergoing three hours' surgery

Tiny drill gives girl the chance of a normal life

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

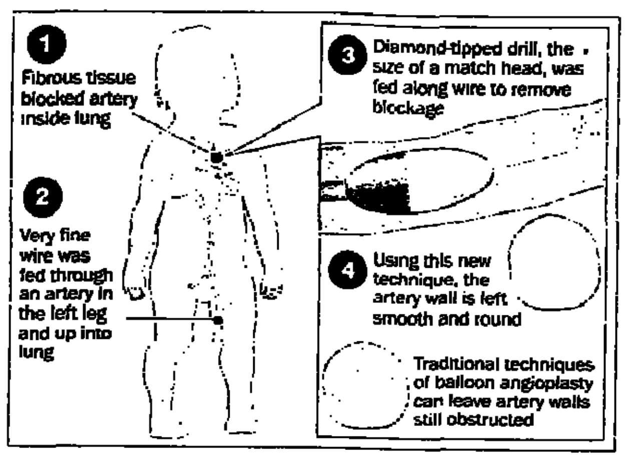
AN EIGHTEEN-month-old girl has become the first child in the world to have pioneering surgery in which a blocked artery in her lungs was cleared by a drill.

Lisa McLean, from Cumbernauld, underwent the operation at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow after conventional treatment failed. Cardiologists used a diamond-tipped drill the size of a matchhead to remove fibrous tissue that was obstructing the flow of blood in her left lung. The operation, previously carried out only on adults with heart problems, took three hours and she was back home within 24 hours.

Neil Wilson, the consultant paediatric cardiologist who carried out the procedure, said yesterday that it had been a success and was now being used to treat other children.

"No one had done it before so we were a little nervous. But obviously we thought the technique would work because it had been successful with adults. There were risks involved: the drill may have punctured the artery, which we explained to her parents, but the benefits far outweighed them," he said.

"Using this technique we have been able to give Lisa back her childhood. She will now be able to ride a bike, go swimming and go to school in the normal way."



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Fibrous tissue blocked artery inside lung
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Very fine wire was fed through an artery in the left leg and up into lung
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Diamond-tipped drill, the size of a match head, was fed along wire to remove blockage
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Using this new technique, the artery wall is left smooth and round
Traditional techniques of balloon angioplasty can leave artery walls still obstructed

Neil Wilson, who performed the operation that was previously carried out only on adults

Lisa was born a "blue baby" with a rare disorder in which not enough blood reaches the lungs. The condition, which affects one in 20,000 live births, left her breathless and turned her lips and nails blue. It meant that as she grew up she would not have been able to play like other children.

The Rotablator diamond-tipped catheter drill had been used for ten years to treat heart problems and thromboses in the tough, older veins of adults but Dr Wilson was the first to think of adapting the method for use in the more delicate arteries of children.

Concerns that the drill might damage young veins were lessened by the fact that the "smart" drill can differentiate between hard and soft tissue and cuts through hard tissue only.

The operation took place in March when Lisa was 15 months old. First a thread-like guiding wire was inserted into an artery in her left leg. Using television monitors the wire was passed through the 22mm-wide vessel, up through her leg, past her kidneys and navel and into the problem artery in her left lung.

A 1.25mm drill was then inserted, following the path of the wire to the problem area, where rotating at 200,000 times per minute it removed most of the fibrous tissue. A 1.75mm drill was then used to clear the artery completely.

Yesterday Lisa's mother, Rhona McLean, 32, a bank clerk, said: "We are absolutely delighted with the outcome. Lisa is a mischievous little girl now, full of beans and running around just like any other normal child her age."

She was just ten days old when doctors discovered she had a heart murmur and she underwent an exploratory operation last July. "Although she led quite a normal life in the first months we knew that couldn't last," Mrs McLean said.

After a failed procedure in October when surgeons attempted to clear the blockage by inflating the artery with a balloon, Mrs McLean and her husband, Kenny, 37, had to decide whether to allow their daughter to undergo an untried operation. "It was a difficult decision to make and we were apprehensive but we trusted the doctors and decided we had to give Lisa a chance," she said.

Although Lisa's condition has vastly improved since the main threat to her health has been removed she will need further surgery, possibly later this year, to unblock other arteries. She also has a hole in her heart. Since Lisa's operation an unnamed 11-year-old boy has also benefited from the treatment in Glasgow.

Future of Scottish Ballet in doubt

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE future of Scottish Ballet, one of the country's leading companies, was uncertain last night after it emerged that the dance panel of the Scottish Arts Council recommended the withdrawal of its core funding.

Only last month the chairman of the Scottish Arts Council expressed anger that Scottish Ballet had rejected cost-cutting proposals to pool orchestral resources with three other national companies. "This places a big question over the future of the company," Magnus Linklater said. He was particularly frustrated by their decision because negotiations have dragged on for 18 months.

The other three — Scottish Opera, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and Scottish Chamber Orchestra — had agreed to a merger. It was seen as the first step towards avoiding a financial crisis: the combined deficit of the four ensembles is £3 million.

Debra Craine, *The Times*'s dance critic, said: "The company brings ballet to parts of the country that would otherwise not be able to see it. Scottish Ballet has some very fine productions in its repertoire — its version of *La Sylphide* is outstanding — and thanks to the imaginative commissioning policy of the artistic director, Galina Samsova, new and interesting work is being created."

Hospitals need £500m now to stave off winter crisis, BMA chiefs say

Budget has not satisfied doctors, reports **Ian Murray**

THE extra £1.2 billion provided in the Budget for the National Health Service will not avert serious problems in hospitals, doctors said yesterday. Unless at least another £500 million is found quickly, the best hope of averting a crisis will be mild winter weather.

"Without the money there will be waits for trollies let alone waits for beds," Mac Armstrong, secretary of the British Medical Association, said. "We shall see seriously ill patients shuttled round the countryside in ambulances looking for a free bed."

Sandy Macara, chairman of the BMA, said: "We were relieved when the Budget produced another £1.2 billion but that will not be available until next year. We have a major shortfall now and even if we had a massive amount of money we could not solve the problem overnight.

"We need an immediate injection now to ensure there is no crisis in the forthcoming winter and even then we must pray for good weather and hope that not too many more doctors take early retirement.

"In the longer term, we need £1.2 billion every year for the next five if we are to be able to provide a decent service."

Dr Macara was worried that the Government was getting "dubious advice from armchair gurus" who were suggesting that extra money could be found quickly by reorganisation to end duplication of services. "We all agree we want to do that but it will take five to ten years. It is dangerously fatuous to think that the money can be saved quickly."

A letter in the *British Medical Journal* today urges Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, to set priorities for how healthcare money is spent. Dr Macara, one of seven leading medical figures to sign the letter, said that healthcare rationing was abhorrent to the profession but, as it was happening anyway, the Government must take a lead and provide guidance.

"There seems to be an increasing gap in all health services between what could be offered and what can be afforded," the letter says. "We have a steady stream of new treatments that offer what is often small benefit at very high cost ... Rationing is currently inefficient, inequitable, undemocratic and opaque. Many patients feel as if the availability of services is determined by a lottery with unknown rules. Many of these failures can be laid at the door of the previous Government's reforms but that is not the whole explanation ...

Armstrong: "We must pray for good weather"

"There must be more equity in healthcare rationing ... Decisions about rationing must be taken at every level of the health service, including nationally. The Government should be providing guidance."

Evidence of the parlous state of NHS finances is published today by the National Audit Office. The report shows that between April and December last year the number of NHS trusts in England in financial trouble had grown between April and December from 95 to 168, with the number in serious deficit rising from 26 to 47.

The cost of clinical negligence to the NHS was now £200 million a year, with the total expected to rise over the next five years to a total of more than £1 billion. Sir John Bourn, head of the Audit Office, said he was concerned that health authorities and trusts did not make provision for the cost of incidents that might lead to a claim.

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Woman with club foot wins back job

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN has won back her job at a toothbrush factory after she was fired because she is disabled. In what is thought to be the first case brought under the Disability Discrimination Act, an industrial tribunal decided that Barbara Tarling was unfairly sacked.

Mrs Tarling, 47, who has a club foot, worked at the Wisdom factory in Haverhill, Suffolk. But last year, after 16 years there, increasing pain in her legs and hips forced her to take four weeks' sick leave. She was sacked on her return.

The tribunal at Bury St Edmunds ordered her reinstatement and told Wisdom to pay her £1,200 for injury to her feelings. She now uses a special chair at work.

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Spurs team doctor loses job claim

Club attacks claim that it ignored warning over head injury to Jurgen Klinsmann, reports **Michael Horsnell**

A FORMER team doctor at Tottenham Hotspur, who claimed he angered officials at the football club when he tried to stop the German star Jurgen Klinsmann from playing with a head injury, yesterday lost a claim for unfair dismissal.

Patrick Keating claimed the club ignored his demand for the player to see a brain specialist after he was knocked unconscious in his first match for the club and later showed signs of an epileptic fit.

The club accused the doctor of being a "bitter and vindictive" man who had used the tribunal to spread wild and hurtful allegations. The GP, who runs a general practice in Enfield, north London, alleges that Alan Sugar, the chairman, and Claude Littner, the chief executive, were more concerned about the share price than the welfare of players.

But his case was dismissed at an industrial tribunal after the Premiership club argued that he was not an employee under the terms of the 1996 Employment Rights Act. Murray Creed, chairman of the tribunal, ruled that he was engaged as an independent contractor supplying medical expertise who was paid fees rather than a salary. Dr Keating, 44, who was first-team doctor from 1994 to 1996, said later that he planned to take his case, which includes alleged breach of contract and unauthorised deductions from his fees, to county court.

Patrick Keating, left, claimed that the former Spurs manager Ossie Ardiles had demanded he be sacked

John Ireland, the club's company secretary, said afterwards: "The suggestion that Alan Sugar or Claude Littner would put share price considerations before players' wellbeing is untrue."

Dr Keating said that he would have welcomed the opportunity to expand and be cross-examined on his statement, including the Jurgen Klinsmann incident. "Klinsmann gave me his consent in writing to refer to the incident in the English courts."

Klinsmann, who now plays for the Italian club Sampdoria, was knocked unconscious for three minutes after a clash of heads with Des Walker, a defender, in a match against Sheffield Wednesday on August 20, 1994.

Dr Keating resigned from his part-time post, for which he was paid £13,000 in the 1995-96 season, after claiming that Spurs effectively swapped his role with that of Mark Curtin, his deputy. But the tribunal accepted that the two doctors, who work at the same practice, were joint club doctors. Dr Keating told the tribunal: "I was constructively dimissed precisely because I was not prepared to bend the rules and compromise the health of players." He said his relationship with Mr Sugar and Ossie Ardiles, the manager at the time, had deteriorated after Klinsmann's injury. He had recommended the player should not play again until he had seen a neurologist but he claimed club officials ignored the advice.

He said that Tony Lenaghan, the club's physiotherapist, had told him the club was angry and that he should keep a low profile. He added: "Ardiles had been demanding my sacking at board meetings. The club felt that somehow I was a loose cannon."

Thomas Croxford, counsel for the club, told the tribunal that Dr Keating's claims were being used to intimidate the club and "to strike at the most sensitive matters for a football club — the care of its players. He has sought to bring the club into disrepute."

Klinsmann is carried off after being knocked unconscious on his debut against Sheffield Wednesday in August 1994

NEWS IN BRIEF

Alps crash boys buried together

Two best friends who died together in the school coach crash in the French Alps were buried side by side yesterday.

The families of Robert Boardman and Keith Ridding, both 14, were among 400 mourners at St Anne's Church, in Clifton, Greater Manchester. Another 200 listened from outside. Nicola Moore, 15, the third victim from St James's School, Bolton, will be buried today.

Attack arrests

Seven men were arrested in the Merseyside area in connection with the attempted murder of a fan at the Glastonbury pop festival. James O'Donnell, 26, from Bootle on Merseyside, was attacked by three men with baseball bats.

£18,000 for Chips

Memorabilia that belonged to Robert Donat, the actor renowned for *Goodbye Mr Chips*, fetched nearly £18,000 at auction. The 20 lots, sold by his children, included the spectacles he wore for the Oscar-winning 1939 role.

Moped death

A Hull council road safety officer was killed in an accident while taking her first lesson on a moped, an inquest was told. Lynn Wasilewski, 42, from Beverley, swerved into the path of an oncoming car. Verdict: accidental death.

Cannon found

Salvagers have recovered 14 cannon from the wreck of the *Hanover*, a square rigger which sank off the south Cornish coast in 1763 en route to Falmouth from Lisbon. The ship is thought to have been carrying precious stones.

Dog's breakfast

A two-year-old girl fed £160 to her family's boxer puppy after taking the money from the till of their pub in Stetchworth, Cambridgeshire to play with. Kate Knight, 33, Charlotte's mother, said the dog liked eating paper.

Police hunt phone-pest 'headmaster'

By Russell Jenkins

POLICE have joined forces with BT investigators to track down a telephone pest who poses as a headmaster to terrorise young boys. The telephone menace, well-spoken with an "old fashioned" manner, tells the boys that they have been naughty and must report to his office to be slippered or thrashed.

So far he had made no attempt to follow up the calls with personal contact but he appears to research meticulously his targets in and around Manchester.

Greater Manchester Police issued a public warning that the content of his calls was becoming more disgusting and were causing "great distress" to the boys and their parents. The man orders the boys to call him "sir" before making degrading suggestions.

He has targeted at least 76 victims, dating back to July 1994. The latest was three weeks ago. Calls to BT's nuisance-call office reveal that the man was calling eight victims a month. The calls were made either at 8am or about 4pm between Monday and Friday, never at weekends. All the calls have been made from public telephone kiosks in central Manchester. He manages to convince parents to hand over the telephone to their children with his clipped accent and plausible approach.

One father of an 11-year-victim said: "The man had opened up by telling him he had been naughty boy and that he was to be punished. He told us how the man demanded to be called 'sir' and how he would administer corporal punishment in his office after taking down his trousers."

The father added: "I feel in some way that I let my son down and that I let this man con me."

Officers have launched Operation Headmaster using new technology to track down where the calls are being made from. Sergeant Steve Cross, of Greater Manchester Police, said: "This man has so far made the lives of 76 young victims and their parents hell." He urged children who received a strange call to log the time and content.

Horse welfare threatened

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

THE welfare of thousands of horses and ponies is threatened by a European Union rule that classifies them as food-producing animals.

Phenylbutazone, the most effective painkiller for horses, will cease to be available because of a supposed threat to human beings, according to the British Veterinary Association. Sue Dyson, president of its equine division, said: "Bute is the most common, reliable, effective and safe drug that we have for treating pain in horses. Its removal could mean that older horses may be destroyed rather than treated with less effective and more expensive medication."

It is estimated that as many as 350,000 horses a year in Britain are treated with phenylbutazone for conditions such as laminitis (inflammation of the hoof) and arthritis. Many need permanent, daily treatment. Dr Dyson said: "Bute costs about 40p a day. The next best, but less effective, drug costs about £4 a day."

The problem arises because horse meat is eaten on the Continent. In humans, phenylbutazone has been found to cause stomach ulcers and blood disorders and there is concern that minute residues of the drug in horse meat could be a threat to public health.

The association said that microchipping horses, to identify those that had been treated with phenylbutazone, might be the only way in which vets would be able to go on using the drug. That would cost about £50 a horse.

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Prison does not work for women, says inspector

By Richard Ford
HOME CORRESPONDENT

MOST women imprisoned in England and Wales represent no security risk and could be held in open conditions or given community penalties, the Chief Inspector of Prisons said yesterday.

Only about 30 per cent of the 2,650 women in jail would be a risk to the public if they escaped, a report by Sir David Ramsbotham said. For the remainder, many imprisoned for acquisitive crime such as theft, "another form of sentencing may well be more appropriate".

Sir David called for accommodation to be built on the outskirts of big population centres to house women. These areas should include London, where 27 per cent of women prisoners have a home, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Essex, Liverpool, Bristol, South Wales and Newcastle upon Tyne.

The report also recommends that "half-way" accommodation be built where prisoners would live as they come towards the end of their sentences and are being prepared for release. Sir David also repeated his call for the Prison Service to appoint a director of women's prisons with responsibility for managing the 15 women's jail in England and Wales.

Tilt: said the proposals were being considered

"Central to this report is our strongly held view that the women's prison system ought to be managed as an entity, by one director, with responsibility and accountability for all that happens within the women's estate," he said.

"There is an urgent need for a thorough analysis of the needs of women prisoners and a national strategy for implementing and managing policies appropriate to satisfying them." He told a London press conference that consistent policies for women were unlikely to be delivered without one person in charge.

The report, *Women in Prison*, which makes 160 recommendations, concludes that the Prison Service is failing to meet the special needs of women inmates. The report found that 61 per cent of women in prison were the primary carers of children. When a woman was sent to prison the burden of looking after children fell on her own mother or family. Only 25 per cent said that the biological father or current partner was the carer.

As a result Sir David said more accommodation should be built to allow women to be held nearer to their homes in open conditions.

His report added: "A greater proportion of women prisoners should be held without physical security restrictions as they do not represent a danger to the public, nor is there a high probability of them absconding."

Paul Cavadion, the principal officer of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said the appointment of a director of women's prisons would be the "single most important step" towards improving conditions for women in jail. "The report is a searing indictment of this country's approach to women's imprisonment. For decades women's prisons have been treated as an afterthought tacked on to the needs of men," he said.

Richard Tilt, Director-General of the Prison Service, said steps were already under way to implement some of the recommendations including the provision of more specialised training for staff.

He said the appointment of a director of women's prisons would have to be considered in the context of the current organisational review of the Prison and Probation Services. The Prison Service believes it can best meet women's needs by the existing area structure in which the service works closely with other local agencies, including social services, education authorities, hospitals and the Probation Service.

TIM OCKENDEN

Sir David Ramsbotham with inmates at Winchester Prison this week: he argues that prison is failing to meet the special needs of women

Computer games company that undermined Scargill strikes it rich

Paul Wilkinson on a success born from software inspired by the miners' strike

Scargill: striking idea

A COMPUTER games firm that based its success on a battle between Arthur Scargill's flying pickets and a character called Monty the Mole floated on the stock market yesterday.

As a result of the flotation Gremlin Interactive, which began 13 years ago at the height of the miners' strike with a £1,000 loan and a rented shop opposite the National Union of Mineworkers' headquarters in Sheffield, is now worth £30 million. It is a major player in a world market valued at £7 billion annually.

The shares priced at 159p will start trading next Thursday. The float will give Gremlin's joint chief executives, Ian Stewart and his wife, Jenny, a former tax official, a joint share-holding valued at about £15 million.

An engineer by training, Mr Stewart, 43, foresaw the market in computers while an area manager for a hi-fi chain. In 1984 he borrowed £1,000 from his father and sold his house to finance a tiny shop, Just Micro, in his home city of Sheffield, long before the High Street electrical giants cottoned on to the computer boom. Soon after he and a partner set up Gremlin Graphics to produce games.

At the time the staunchly Labour city was embroiled in the year-long miners' strike, with Mr Scargill masterminding the dispute across the road at what was known locally as Arthur's Castle. It gave Gremlin the idea for Monty Mole, who burrows away stealing coal and ballot papers to outwit the flying pickets and knock "King Arthur" out of his castle. The game sold by the million, as did a sequel.

After the strike, as Mr Scargill and the old heavy industries declined, Gremlin followed the new technology boom to become a global multimillion-pound business. Mr Stewart said: "We were in the right place at the right time. We never thought something that started as a hobby for enthusiasts would become so big but quite soon we realised the business was going to fly."

In 1989 he borrowed and sold his house again to buy out his partners for £400,000. In the nine months to the end of last April the company, renamed Gremlin Interactive, made £2.5 million profit on an £11 million turnover.

Several of their successful games were based on demo programmes sent in by young computer buffs who were invited to join Gremlin's well-paid development team.

The software, especially sporting games, they created are rarely out of the computer top ten, and Gremlin is the only games creator yet to produce a loss-making game.

Ten years ago it employed ten people. It now employs 269 people on three sites. After yesterday's flotation Mr Stewart said: "The funds will allow us to consolidate our position as the market leader. It's a huge and ever-changing market and we hope to become the market leader in our sports range this year. The flotation will enable us to fund a growing portfolio. We are planning to double the number of titles we release annually. Our aim is to be the top company in Europe."

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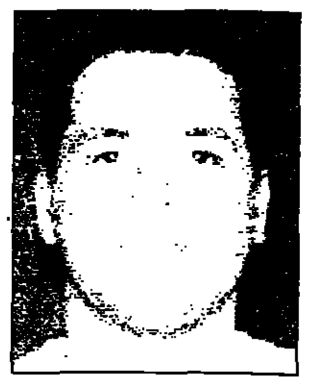
Law lords quash conviction for killing policeman

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT



English: to be released after three years in jail

A TEENAGER jailed for life for murdering a policeman, although he was 100 yards away from the stabbing and in handcuffs, was freed by the House of Lords yesterday. Philip English was 15 at the time.

The knife blow that killed Sergeant Bill Forth in Gateshead four years ago was delivered by Paul Weddle but Mr English was jailed as a partner in the "heinous" crime.

Yesterday, three years after Mr English began a sentence of 15 years, five law lords quashed the conviction in a test case on the law of "joint enterprise". The reasons for their decision will be given later. The Prison Service last night began arrangements for the release of Mr English, now 19, from Moorlands prison near Doncaster.

Sergeant Forth died after being called with a constable to a disturbance on the Cloverhill estate in Gateshead. After drinking and taking drugs Paul Weddle, then 25, went to the home of his former girlfriend with another man and began causing trouble. Mr English became embroiled in the disturbance after the police arrived.

Mr English was alleged to have struck Sergeant Forth with a fence post and run away, pursued by the constable. He was brought down by the policeman and arrested 100 yards from where Weddle and Sergeant Forth were struggling. Weddle produced a knife and killed the sergeant with a blow to the heart.

During the trial at Gateshead Crown Court the prosecution argued that Mr English and Weddle were partners in crime. Even when Mr English ran away he was still a party to the agreement to attack and was liable for what Weddle did. He gave no verbal indication that he had ceased to be a partner in crime with Weddle.

The jury convicted Mr English on a 10-2 majority verdict after unanimously agreeing that Weddle was guilty. Mr Justice Owen said the men had acted together to do a "terrible thing". Yesterday after the decision Mandy English, Mr English's stepmother and a Labour councillor, said she was "ecstatic" at the end of a four-year struggle to free him.

Asked about the feelings of the Forth family she said: "We have been very aware that a man is dead but the person who is responsible for that is in jail. It's not as if they haven't got the culprit."

But Sergeant Forth's widow, who was left with two children aged 11 and 8, said: "I just feel that Bill has been let down by the British justice system. I don't know why and I need to understand why. As far as I'm concerned he was guilty and he still will be."

The case has been compared to the Derek Bentley trial in 1953. Bentley was hanged for the murder of a policeman although another man did the killing. The killer was too young to be sentenced to death and Bentley was alleged to have encouraged the shooting.

Last night Maria Dingwall, Bentley's niece, said that she hoped the English case could help the fight to clear her uncle. "I am waiting for the Criminal Case Review Commission's decision on referring the case back to the Court of Appeal in September," she said. "But I feel it could come sooner following this decision."

DARREN JACK

Squadron Leader Sutton greeting his son, Christopher, on the tarmac yesterday

Russian planes blunder into BA jet's airspace

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

AN AIRCRAFT with 109 passengers on board had to take emergency action to avoid a mid-air collision with three Russian military jets that appeared to be lost over Reading.

The afternoon British Airways flight from Aberdeen to Gatwick was at 15,000ft and beginning its descent on Wednesday when air traffic controllers ordered the pilot to turn sharp left to avoid a giant Antonov tanker and two Sukhoi 30 fighters that were on their way from a base near Moscow to RAF Fairford in Gloucesterhire.

Moments earlier the terminal controller at West Drayton was called by one of the Sukhoi pilots who reported that they were experiencing difficulties in holding their altitude and in navigating accurately towards the RAF base, where they will be part of the Royal International Air Tattoo this weekend.

The three Russians eventually roared past 400ft above the Boeing 737. Both the pilot and the air traffic controller immediately reported the incident, which is being investigated by the air accident investigation branch of the Department of Transport.

First indications are that the two fighters — which had been refuelled from the tanker on their way from Russia — had not realised they were flying into a busy airway.

Yesterday an RAF pilot had no trouble flying into RAF Fairford, albeit in an American Stealth bomber. He also flew into the arms of his family in a surprise reunion.

Squadron Leader Mark Sutton had left his wife, Sue, and sons, Christopher, 3, and Tom, 2, in New Mexico, where he last saw them three weeks ago. Also on the tarmac were his parents, Robin and Dorothy Sutton.

Squadron Leader Sutton, 33, is on a three-year secondment to the US Air Force — the 9th Fighter Squadron — and flew the F-117A Nighthawk to Fairford for the tattoo. "It's really nice to be back," he said. "It's my first time back in Britain for about 18 months."

He said that during his brief return to Britain — his home is at Chippenham in Wiltshire — he would be seeing old friends and having a big reunion party. "It's great to be able to bring a Stealth plane here and show it off. But I think I might be a bit overshadowed when the new B2 Stealth plane comes in at the weekend. Still, I like this one better." It will be the B2's first appearance in Britain.

During its one-hour stay, the B2 will be inspected by the Duke of Kent, a keen aviation enthusiast. The Stealth planes will be among hundreds on display either in the air or on the ground at the two-day event, which is the world's biggest airshow.

Internet blows cover of anti-Semitic groups

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE eagerness of extremists to embrace the Internet has given the authorities valuable new intelligence about their activities, according to a report published today.

The number of anti-Semitic incidents fell in nearly every country in 1996, with Britain experiencing its third fall in three years. This decline has driven far-Right groups to use the Internet to seek support around the world, exposing themselves to scutiny, *Antisemitism World Report 1997* says.

"The Internet has been of very specific use in official action against extremists," says the report, published by the Institute for Jewish Policy Research. "Although extremists attempt to disguise some of their traffic, they do have a marked tendency to expose themselves — after all, they want to be a mass movement and if they are using the Internet for that purpose they have to make themselves visible."

A hacker succeeded in wiping out a web site in Australia that was dedicated to expounding Holocaust denial. Other hackers have deleted racist material after scaling "fire walls" erected to protect sites. "If battles with extremists are fought out on the Net rather than in the streets, that constitutes an interesting development," the report says.

Mike Whine, defence expert of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said the Internet had allowed the board to learn that British Nazi individuals and groups were seeking contacts across Eastern Europe and that a small number had made contact with violent American groups. "There have been specific examples of British Nazis seeking manuals on terrorism from American groups," Mr Whine said. "The police are, on the one hand, very worried about terrorists and neo-Nazis communicating on the Net but, on the other hand, are pleased at being able to access information they were previously unable to obtain."

The report says that manifestations of anti-Semitism are declining around the world. "Anti-Semitism does not resonate with significant sections of the public in the way it once did and it cannot be used to mobilise anything other than small, extremist fringe groups."

Antony Lerman, director of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research and editor of the report, added: "The generations who have grown up in a postwar world do not encounter Jews as being very different from themselves, if they encounter them at all. There is to some degree a benign ignorance."

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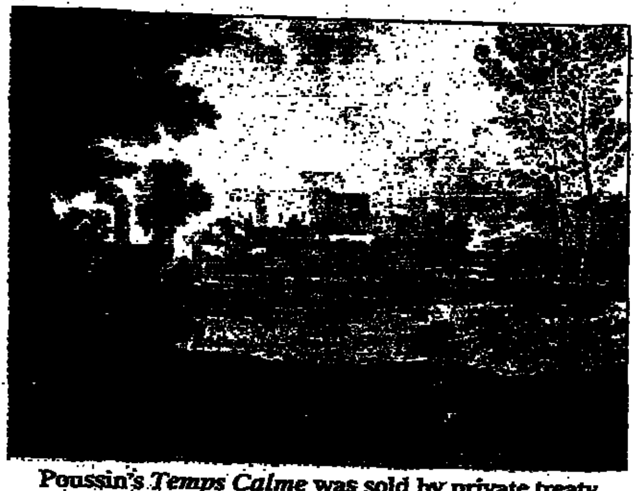
Britain freezes £16m art sale to America

The Getty Museum is angry over an export delay on a Poussin from Sudeley Castle, reports **Dalya Alberge**


Poussin's *Temps Calme* was sold by private treaty

THE director of the Getty Museum in California expressed dismay yesterday over a British Government decision to delay by up to a year the export of a Poussin painting that it bought for £16 million.

The delay is to let a British institution match the price. If nobody comes forward in three months, the Getty can take the landscape. But the National Galleries of Scotland are believed to be keen to acquire it.

John Walsh, the Getty director, said yesterday: "We are amazed and dismayed by the length of the deferral period. We purchased the painting in March and made an application for an export licence on April 1. It has taken 15 weeks for us to be told that consideration of our application is to be deferred, for certain for three months, and possibly for a further nine. In other words, almost 16 months could elapse before we know the outcome of our application.

"I believe this is an imposition that is unprecedented and certainly disproportionate to the standing of the painting, which is far from being the finest by Poussin in British public or private collections."

In 1994 the museum was prevented from buying Canova's *The Three Graces* for £7.6 million and the sculpture was secured by the National Galleries of Scotland and the Victoria and Albert Museum. Many in the art world expressed sympathy for the Getty over the way that export rules were seemingly manipulated.

Temps Calme, a 1650s imaginary scene by the 17th-century French master featuring a shepherd watching his flock, was sold by private treaty by the trustees of Sudeley Castle, Gloucestershire. The Getty said that, with the exception of a couple of loans, the painting had hung hidden from public view in Sudeley's private apartments. At the Getty it could be seen by more than a million visitors this year. One dealer said: "I don't particularly feel it was something that shouldn't be allowed to leave. It has been here and relatively unseen."

The Department of Culture, Media and Sport would not confirm the export delay but said that a statement was likely in a few days.

Britain has 29 paintings by Poussin in public art galleries and 19 in private collections. Any attempt to buy this example would require help from the National Lottery and partnership funding. The trustees of Sudeley Castle, which dates back to the 15th century, have argued that they were forced to sell "the family silver" to save the house for future generations. They have sold works from a collection that includes Rubens, Reynolds and Ruysdael. In 1990, Constable's *The Lock* was sold for £10.78 million to the Thyssen Foundation in Lugano.

The castle is home to Henry Dent-Brocklehurst, a friend of the actress Elizabeth Hurley and the godson of Camilla Parker Bowles. He has been described as Britain's richest and most eligible bachelor: reports suggested that he inherited £50 million on his 30th birthday.

Hong Kong tourist lost for words over Gaelic

By Audrey Magee
Ireland Correspondent

A HONG KONG policeman who learnt Gaelic for a holiday to Ireland was disappointed to discover that almost nobody he met spoke the language.

Po Pui-Tak, 29, spent six months toiling over language tapes and books and practised on his Irish friends in Hong Kong. But after his arrival, he said, "I could not find anyone who speaks their own language daily. Whenever I spoke my little Irish, everyone told me no one speaks Irish any more."

Mr Po became enthralled with Ireland after meeting a senior inspector of Irish extraction. The officer was born in Hong Kong but learnt Gaelic as a child from his parents and speaks only Gaelic to his own children.

Only 4 per cent of the 3.6 million people in the Republic are native Irish speakers, most of whom live along the west coast. About 11 per cent of the population is believed to speak the language regularly. Gaelic is obligatory throughout school.

Mr Po wrote reproachfully to yesterday's *Irish Times*: "We [in Hong Kong] can speak English, but it is a foreigner's language, even after 150 years. But I hope I can promise you, in 150 years we will still speak Cantonese."

Kenwood House brings Botticelli out of hiding

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

AN EXQUISITE Madonna and Child by Botticelli, the 15th-century Italian master best known for the *Birth of Venus* in Florence, is among 15 stunning Old Master paintings that are being lent to Kenwood House in London.

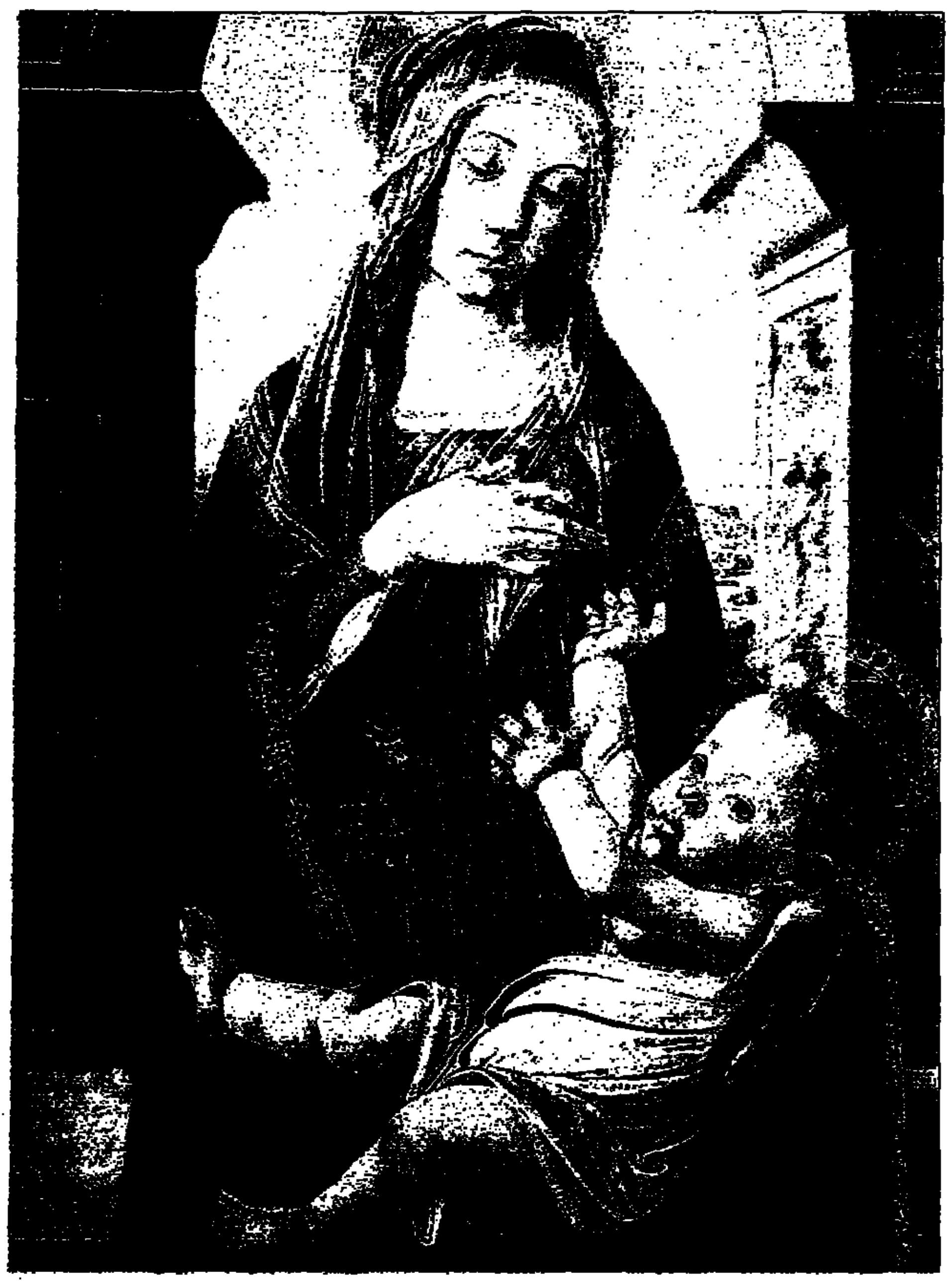
Seven of them, including the Botticelli, have not been seen in public for four decades, having been hidden away in a private collection. These are jewel-like paintings of the early Renaissance. They include *Portrait of a Man in a Black Cap* by Hans Memling, master of devotional imagery, *Madonna and Child* by Dieric Bouts, revered for his treatment of light and colour, and *Saint Anthony Abbot presenting a Donor to the Madonna and Child* by Paris Bordone, whose work was inspired by Titian and Giorgione. They were last exhibited in 1957 in Manchester by Sir Thomas Barlow, a connoisseur and collector, and have been in the family's possession ever since.

The Memling portrait on loan to Kenwood

Ian Dejardin, senior curator of collections for English Heritage at Kenwood, said: "Last year a lot of the loans set up in the 1970s and 1980s were recalled, simply as the owners wanted them back. Just as things were leaving, I was contacted by three separate owners offering paintings — the most remarkable of which was the Botticelli."

He explained that a member of the Barlow family had gone to Kenwood in Hampstead on an assignment as a freelance photographer. He was "bowled over by the place" and asked whether Kenwood was interested in a loan of some of his paintings. Mr Dejardin expressed guarded enthusiasm in case he was offering "a portrait of his old granny".

"But the photographer said: 'Oh no, it's a Botticelli and a Memling ...' I was totally flabbergasted. I thought it might be 'school of' or 'attributed to' and asked for more details. What came through the post were seven ravishing photographs." The pictures go on view today.


The Botticelli that will be on show at Kenwood House, north London, from today

Common cold offers new cure

Medical Briefing

THE news from America that there is a novel treatment for cancer of the prostate which utilises a virus that destroys cancer cells while leaving others unaffected will reassure the friend I met at my club.

My friend, a youthful 52, gave me a smile and offered me a drink. "We are celebrating tonight. This is the last day of my radiotherapy," he said. Unusually I did not probe any further but my companion told me his story.

He had recently noticed some hesitancy when passing urine, he was getting up during the night and could no longer sit through a boardroom meeting or film without a dash to the cloakroom. Blood tests had shown that he had raised prostate-specific antigen (PSA). A decision was taken for a course of radiotherapy.

Nobody had warned him that the radiotherapy directed at his prostate would not only shrivel the malignant cells but burn and inflame the adjacent tissue, including his rectum and lower colon.

The last dose was now over. He hoped the cancer had been eradicated and that from now on his lower guts would become less painful. There is no perfect treatment for cancer of the prostate. Surgery on a very early tumour may remove the disease but it too frequently results in incontinence, retrograde emission and impotence. Chemotherapy causes feminisation and impotence.

This week American research workers announced that they had found that a common cold virus can attack, and destroy, the cells confined to the prostate, and produce PSA. When the virus was injected into a mouse with the human-type prostate cancer the malignant cells started to shrivel within five weeks, and in many cases the cancer disappeared entirely. Mice and men behave very differently but successful trials on humans could make a commercial preparation available in under five years — possibly just in time to help my friend if the radiotherapy had not been entirely effective.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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Straw: confirmation

Cabinet opts for regional list PR

By James Landale

THE British public will vote for party lists rather than individual candidates for the first time on a national basis in the European elections in 1999, the Government confirmed yesterday.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, said that the Cabinet had decided to scrap the first-past-the-post system for the election and that MEPs would be chosen under a type of proportional representation known as the regional list system.

At present, each Euro-constituency sends one MEP to Strasbourg. Under the new procedure, the country will be divided into larger constituencies, each to be represented by a number of MEPs.

The number of MEPs elected for each party will be in rough proportion to their share of the vote in each region. The system is intended to allow the parties fairer representation. Independent candidates will still be able to stand.

The change was agreed at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. Further details of how the system will work will be announced later. There are several types of regional list system and Mr Straw said that the Government had not yet decided which one to use.

The system will apply to England, Scotland and Wales. Northern Ireland will continue to use the single transferable vote system adopted in 1979.

Tories back plan for London mayor

Alexandra Frean on a policy shift that offers a chance of power and prestige to flamboyant former MPs

Potential candidates: Lord Archer, David Mellor and Steven Norris have all expressed an interest in the role

THE Tories abandoned their long-held opposition to the idea of having an elected mayor for London yesterday, clearing the way for some of the party's most colourful characters to stand.

Among the senior Tories who have shown an interest in what will be a powerful and prestigious position are Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, the former Tranport Minister Steven Norris and the former Heritage Secretary David Mellor.

A Tory victory in the election, expected to be held in May 2000, would bolster the party's opposition to the Government just two years before the next general election. The policy change also puts the Tories more in line with what Londoners want: the creation of a metropolitan authority for London has consistently been supported by up to 80 per cent of the public in opinion polls over the past decade.

But the Tories remain implaccably opposed to Labour's plan for a 32-strong elected strategic authority. Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Environment Secretary, said yesterday: "There is no way that we are going to support a Greater London Council Mark II."

Sir Norman acknowledged that the announcement represented a change in Tory policy. The party has opposed the creation of an elected mayor for London ever since Margaret Thatcher disbanded the Greater London Council in 1986.

"It is fair for people to say that we have come to this late," he said. "We have listened to what people are saying."

He said that an elected mayor would give the capital a voice and lead efforts to secure investment and economic regeneration. "At present London is at an undoubted disadvantage. There is no publicly elected figure who can speak for the capital as a whole. It puts London at a disadvantage with other European and English cities."

Labour's plans for an authority, however, were bound to lead to more bureaucracy with huge potential for conflict between the mayor, the authority, the London boroughs and the proposed Regional Development Agency for London, Sir Norman said.

Those in favour of an elected authority for London argue that it is vital to provide a counterbalance to the powers of the mayor.

Under the Tory proposals, the mayor would work with a board of London borough council leaders, taking a lead in cross-capital issues such as transport, traffic and environmental protection.

The Goverment is expected to publish a Green Paper on its proposals this month, followed soon by a White Paper. It hopes to hold a referendum next May to coincide with local government elections in London. Mayoral elections are pencilled in for spring 2000.

Sir Norman said he hoped that the referendum would ask separate questions on whether people wanted a mayor and an elected authority.

Lord Archer, a former deputy party chairman, said: "I welcome the party's new attitude to a mayor for London. I have been pressing for this for some years, because it has become obvious that it's what the London people want."

If the Government's plans are supported in next year's referendum, the mayoral election is likely to be one of the most exciting political battles for years. The main political parties will have to decide whether to hold primary elections to decide who will be their candidate. It is likely that the mayor will be paid at least on a par with local authority chief executives. This will mean a salary of more than £100,000, much higher than that of a backbench MP.

Judging by the experience of countries with elected city mayors, such as the Untied States, the position is likely to be a high-profile one. According to Tony Travers, a local goverment expert at the London School of Economics, the mayors of New York and Seattle are so prominent that they each get more national press coverage in Britain than all of the British council leaders put together.

The Japanese developers who own the former GLC building on the Thames are willing to make room for the mayor and the authority, but their offer seems unlikely to be accepted. Neither Labour nor the Tories will want to revive the spectre of the GLC under its radical left-wing leader, Ken Livingstone: Admiralty Arch, on the corner of Trafalgar Square, is widely thought to be a more fitting home.

Astute move shows voters have been heard

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

THE Tories showed yesterday, for the first time, that they have begun to listen to the electorate. Their decision to accept the Government's proposal for an elected mayor for London is astute as well as right — especially since there are contradictions within Labour's policy and divisions within the party.

Nothing symbolised the public's rejection of the Tories more than their rout in London, particularly in the outer suburbs. The party won just 11 seats in the capital, compared with 58 in 1987. Even after adjusting for boundary changes, this was a catastrophe for the Tories, who did not seem in tune with the mood of London, particularly over healthcare and the Underground. Ever since the abolition of the Greater London Council 11 years ago, the Tories have not had a coherent policy for the capital. No one wants a return of the GLC, but there is overwhelming public and business support for a "voice for London" and London-wide co-ordination in areas like transport, inward investment and promotion of the capital. Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Secretary for Environment, Tranport and the Regions, accepted yesterday that the absence of a publicly elected figure "who can speak for the capital as a whole puts London at a disadvantage with other European and English cities".

Ministers were yesterday understandably crowing over the Tory conversion, but it is silly to talk of a U-turn. Such policy reviews and shifts are among the few advantages of Opposition, as Labour well knows. There are still questions about how far any mayor would be more than a super-booster for the capital under the Tory plan, and what his or her powers would be on transport and traffic. And the proposed board of borough council leaders looks pretty hollow.

However, the Government has a muddled approach, in part because different proposals have been piled on top of each other. Tony Blair supplemented Labour's long-standing commitment to an elected strategic authority with his plan for an elected mayor. This has been backed by some prominent London MPs like Margaret Hodge though opposed by most Labour borough leaders. In addition, Labour has proposed setting up regional development agencies. Originally, these were just to be outside London, but one is now proposed for the capital, which would be in operation a year ahead of the mayor and strategic body. This confusion is partly because of Labour's separate policymaking in Opposition on regional government and regional economic development.

Since the general election, Mr Blair and his advisers have taken the lead in drafting a consultative paper to be published later this month. The Prime Minister has rightly wanted a strong mayor with executive powers and a weak elected body. The latter was yesterday described by Nick Raynsford, Minister for London, as an assembly rather than a strategic authority. Meanwhile, the predominantly Labour-run boroughs are resisting any erosion of their role.

The exact powers of the proposed mayor are still uncertain, but he or she would undoubtedly be a very prominent figure with all the legitimacy of being the elected representative of several million people. By taking their new stance, the Tories are also in a better position to expose inconsistencies in Labour's proposals — and to fight both the referendum on the future government of London and the borough elections on the same day next May. The new post is quite a political prize, whose creation the Tories would be daft to oppose if they want to win the election for mayor in May 2000. Of course, the Tories already have a candidate with experience of running a cosmopolitan city of more six million people — Chris Patten, whose approval ratings as Governor of Hong Kong rivalled Tony Blair's now.

Peter Riddell

Hamilton gives MPs written denial

By Polly Newton
Political Reporter

THE former Tory MP Neil Hamilton delivered a detailed written denial yesterday of cash-for-questions accusations made against him by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards.

Mr Hamilton claimed that he was the victim of a miscarriage of justice and urged the Select Committee on Standards and Privileges to reject the findings of Sir Gordon's 900-page report, which concluded that there was "compelling" evidence that he had taken money from Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, in return for lobbying services.

In a 37-page response that he brought to Westminster yesterday for consideration by the committee, Mr Hamilton, a former Trade Minister, says: "I believe that the procedures employed in the inquiry fell well short of those which an accused person in this country is entitled to expect of a fair trial on charges of such gravity . . .

"The evidence upon which Sir Gordon's conclusion is based is almost entirely inadmissible, circumstantial or not independently corroborated."

He says that, in view of the "catastrophic" personal and professional consequences of a guilty verdict, such charges ought not to be upheld unless proof reached the criminal standard of "beyond reasonable doubt".

Mr Hamilton apologises to the House for "errors of judgment" in failing to register two commission payments and a consultancy for Strategy Network International. He also apologises for failing to declare hospitality from Mr Al Fasyed at the Paris Ritz, which he says was not a reward for lobbying.

The committee has received three other submissions from former MPs criticised by Sir Gordon and will consider them at a meeting on Tuesday.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: debate on education White Paper; backbench debate on Elliott review of the area cost adjustment. In the Lords: Plant Varieties Bill, second reading; Fossil Fuel Levy Bill, second reading; plus various orders and a debate on human rights in Turkey.

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Blunder on Mir puts crew at risk

Space station plunged into dark on blighted mission

By Robin Lodge in Moscow and Nick Nuttall

THE blighted Mir Russian space station suffered another mishap yesterday when a crew member accidentally disconnected a computer cable, causing a power failure aboard the damaged complex and making a further delay to repairs almost inevitable.

Mir was plunged into darkness after the crew was ordered to close down all but essential systems.

Last night Russian space officials said they had corrected a fault in the inflight computer. This was crucial if a planned repair mission is to go ahead.

Russian and Nasa officials are due to decide at the weekend whether to proceed with the repair mission next week — with Michael Foale, the British-born US astronaut aboard Mir taking over the role of the commander — or to abandon repairs until the arrival of a replacement crew next month.

A mission to re-enter the Spektr research module, sealed off from the rest of the station after it was punctured by a collision with an unmanned cargo craft on June 25, was postponed earlier this week after Commander Vasili Tsibliyev developed cardiovascular problems.

A leading British space scientist said yesterday that the situation on the space station had become critical.

Professor André Balogh of Imperial College London, former chairman of the European Space Agency's committee planning future space stations, said: "What is happening now is the culmination of two or three weeks of problems. The impression I get is that it is very serious."

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He feared that the damage to Mir meant the crew might be unable to evacuate the crippled ship if they delayed any longer.

"It might be that hatches won't open because there's no electricity to open them, and the life support systems and oxygen supply fail. The other problem is how long you can maintain communication with the ground," Professor Balogh said. "If I was the mission controller I would give the order to evacuate."

Alan Johnstone, of University College London's Mullard Space Science Laboratory, said yesterday: "There is certainly a danger. The margins of safety are going down all the time."

After yesterday's accident, the crewman immediately replaced the cable, which was connected to the station's "logic block" computer system.

But the damage had been done. The fault caused a breakdown in the station's alignment system, which ensures that its solar panels are kept at the right angle to the Sun. Officials said that power fell to the bare minimum required to run the ship.

Vladimir Solovyov, mission control chief at the space centre just north of Moscow, described the problem as serious, but emphasised that the crew was in no danger and that there were no plans for an evacuation.

"Today we had a very bad situation, serious trouble," he said. "It was human error, but anyone can make a mistake and we should not judge the crew too harshly." It was not clear which member of the crew had made the error, but the officials said the fault had been rectified and power was being restored. In the meantime, the complex was still twisting and pitching chaotically. "The situation is very unpleasant," Mr Solovyov said.

The alignment system has caused a number of problems since the collision, which led to the loss of about half of Mir's power supply. The crew can rectify matters by using the station's booster engines, but are anxious not to use up fuel.

During the repair mission, the crew aims to fit a new hatch door to the Spektr, allowing cables to pass through it to the research module's solar panels.

The two crew members carrying out the repairs will have to don bulky space suits to enter the depressurised module, leaving the third member on board the escape capsule to enable a swift evacuation if the mission goes wrong.

Under the original plan, Dr Foale was to have waited on the capsule while his more experienced Russian colleagues carried out the repairs. If Nasa gives the go-ahead, he will now begin several days of training to get accustomed to working in the space suit before the repairs start.

The past few months have seen a string of accidents and mishaps aboard Mir, which has been manned permanently since its launch 11 years ago and is showing severe signs of wear and deterioration.

In February a small fire broke out and it took the crew about 15 minutes to put it out. The following month the automatic docking system malfunctioned and a supply craft had to be dumped.

For Dr Foale, the situation has been exacerbated by the fact that the damaged Spektr module had provided his sleeping quarters and housed all his personal belongings and experiments.

Until the arrival of the latest supply craft last week, he had had been forced to do without even a toothbrush.

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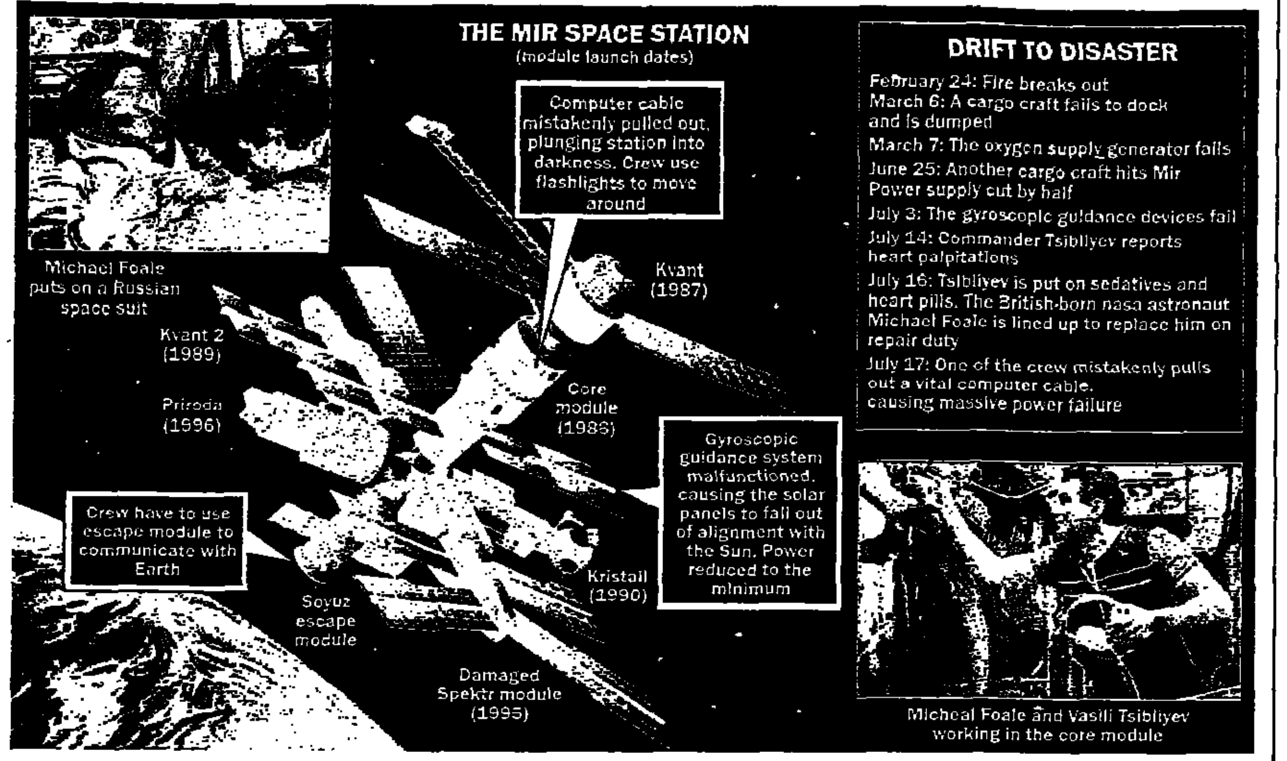
THE MIR SPACE STATION
(module launch dates)
Computer cable mistakenly pulled out, plunging station into darkness. Crew use flashlights to move around
Michael Foale puts on a Russian space suit
Kvant (1987)
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Gyroscopic guidance system malfunctioned, causing the solar panels to fall out of alignment with the Sun. Power reduced to the minimum
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Kristall (1990)
Soyuz escape module
Damaged Spektr module (1995)
Micheal Foale and Vasili Tsibliyev working in the core module

DRIFT TO DISASTER

February 24: Fire breaks out

March 6: A cargo craft fails to dock and is dumped

March 7: The oxygen supply generator fails

June 25: Another cargo craft hits Mir Power supply cut by half

July 3: The gyroscopic guidance devices fail

July 14: Commander Tsibliyev reports heart palpitations

July 16: Tsibliyev is put on sedatives and heart pills. The British-born nasa astronaut Michael Foale is lined up to replace him on repair duty

July 17: One of the crew mistakenly pulls out a vital computer cable, causing massive power failure

Guides call off strike at Eiffel Tower

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

THE Eiffel Tower reopened last night after an agreement was hammered out with workers who mounted a two-day strike over the sacking of an employee accused of manhandling tourists.

The guide, who was fired for allegedly shoving and berating an American holidaymaker, will cease working at the tower but the management agreed "to make efforts to find him new employment".

He will also be paid two months salary and an additional lump sum in severance pay.

Christine Harvey, a best-selling American author, filed an official complaint last month claiming that she had been "physically abused" when she asked to stay on the first level after suffering from vertigo on her way to the next.

Workers at the Eiffel Tower said they believed their 60-year-old colleague, who earns Fr18,000 (£1,800) a month, was being removed by management to make way for a younger and cheaper replacement.

The 1,050ft high tower is the world's most popular paying tourist attraction, drawing almost six million visitors every year.

In July up to 26,000 tourists visit the tower daily, and the two-day strike has cost the company an estimated Fr2 million as well as incalculable public relations damage.

The Eiffel Tower's 180 permanent employees have a reputation for militancy, and this week's dispute was not the first pitting them against the private firm which operates the building under a concession granted by the City of Paris.

Ticket collectors at the tower earn nearly Fr300,000 a year, while overseers earn Fr400,000.

Last year workers mounted a five-day strike when their parking places beneath the tower were moved a few hundred yards away as a security measure. They also demanded a 35-hour week and air-conditioned lifts.

During that confrontation a spokesman admitted: "We cannot even explain to the tourists what has happened as they would find our explanation incredible."

The workings of the tower have been successfully stymied by staff on various occasions during the building's 108-year history, sometimes from the best of motives.

During the Second World War, the tower was closed to the public and taken over by the Nazis as a radio post, but not before employees had sabotaged all the lifts, forcing the Germans to trudge up and down the iron stairs.

Litany of failure tests outer limits of endurance

From Ian Brodie in Washington

The overwrought astronaut in the film *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Mir's crew lives with 24-hour claustrophobia

STRESS and fatigue are increasingly seen as hazards on prolonged flights in space where yesterday a weary member of Mir's crew mistakenly pulled out a vital computer plug.

The problems of mental and physical exhaustion have been compounded by the daunting mechanical snags on Mir, which was built by the Russians to last five years in orbit. It has been there for 11.

Following a White House briefing, President Clinton tried to steady the growing concerns in Washington about Mir's serial fiascos. He declared that the crew had the latest problem under control and there seemed to be "no immediate crisis".

When asked whether Nasa should end its participation in the Mir project Mr Clinton said: "It's too soon for me to draw a conclusion." On Capitol Hill, though, a Bill has already passed in the House calling on Nasa to ensure that Mir meets or exceeds American safety standards before sending any more astronauts. The Bill is pending in the Senate.

In the past four years, the Americans have paid the Russian space agency $472 million (£282 million) to have astronauts on Mir. The hefty fare has hardly been matched by first-class service. The Russians have proved themselves competent engineers but clearly they are now struggling to hold Mir together long past its sell-by date.

The most important long-term lessons to be learned from Mir's marathon mission may be about the impact of space endurance on the body's frame and psyche. The irregular heartbeat suffered this week by Vasili Tsibliyev is reckoned to be stress-related — and who can blame him?.

He left Earth on February 10 and since then has endured Mir's string of mishaps, starting with the fire on February 24 that shot out flames two feet long and filled the capsule with choking smoke. He has been blamed unofficially for the error last month that caused a cargo ship to hit Mir during practice docking, puncturing the Spektr module and cutting Mir's electrical power by half.

Commander Tsibliyev, who may by now have lost confidence in his abilities, is on sedatives and heart pills that will prevent him from taking part in repairs to Spektr. Yesterday Nasa gave the go-ahead for its British-born astronaut, Michael Foale, to begin preparations and training for the work. The Americans will delay giving him final clearance until they see how he manages with the unfamiliar Russian space suit.

Getting testy and anxious in outer space has happened before, though no one has gone over the edge in the manner of Hal the computer in the science fiction film *2001: A Space Odyssey*. An astronaut fought to disable Hal — as opposed to mistakenly unplugging it — when it started killing astronauts whose bodies had been suspended in time.

In real life, the 24-hour claustrophobia of space, where crew members have little privacy and sleep in spaces not much bigger than a drawer, will need to be factored into scientists' thinking as extended flights become more routine. Space stress surfaced aboard Apollo 7 in 1968, the first flight after a capsule had burned on the ground, killing three astronauts. Apollo 7's crew, understandably uptight, all caught colds, a space first. Their commander, Wally Schirra, not only groused copiously to Houston but refused to complete scheduled tests.

An 84-day Skylab flight provoked a rebellion in 1972. The crew fell behind with their heavy workload and eventually made the unilateral decision to take a day's rest, turning off their radios. "We looked out the window and took showers," said Gerald Carr, the commander, who also negotiated a new timetable allowing work to end at eight in the evening.

Two years ago on Mir, two cosmonauts balked at taking their sixth space walk in two months, complaining of fatigue. Mission control grudgingly agreed. The last American on Mir, Jerry Linenger, made little secret of his relief when he came home after four-and-a-half months.

Despite Mir's growing chapter of accidents, both Nasa and the Russian space agency are keen not to give up and to keep it in orbit. One reason is that dealing with catastrophe is excellent training for future manned flights aboard the international space station due to be launched next year.

Columbia returns in triumph

From Marcia Dunn in Cape Canaveral

THE space shuttle *Columbia* and its crew of seven returned to Earth in quiet triumph yesterday with a bounty of laboratory research on fire, metals and plants.

Nasa's oldest shuttle soared through a clear, flushed sky and touched down just after sunrise at Kennedy Space Centre after a 16-day journey.

"Congratulations on a perfect mission," Mission Control said after Columbia rolled to a stop. "It's great to be up there and it's good to be back," replied James Halsell, the craft's commander.

He and his crew accomplished all their work and more during the second attempt at the science mission. The exercise was cut short in April after four days because of a faulty power generator. The follow-up mission, which blasted off on July 1, cost Nasa between $60 million (£35 million) and $70 million.

The crew produced soot from flames and grew spinach, clover and more than 700 protein crystals. The astronauts started 206 small fires in sealed chambers, 62 more than planned, and ignited the weakest flame ever — which flickered at 1-50th of the power of a birthday candle. *(AP)*

US wants developing nations to have Security Council seats

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

THE Clinton Administration is to recommend today that three permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council should be given to developing countries.

This represents a significant change from the American approach so far, which has been to extend the prospect of permanent membership to Japan and Germany alone, while rejecting such a possibility for non-industrialised aspirants from Asia, Latin America and Africa. Third World countries as a result, have obstructed expansion.

According to UN diplomats, the American move is intended to win Third World backing for the reform proposals announced on Wednesday by Kofi Annan, the Secretary-General. The proposals aim for a leaner, more efficient structure, although critics have said that they fall well short of the radical shake-up which the UN requires.

Although the US has not said which three countries would be favoured, nor even whether they would enjoy the power of veto, it is understood that one seat each would be allocated to Asia, Latin America and Africa. This would accord with the formula proposed in March by Razali Ismail of Malaysia, the president of the General Assembly.

Under the "Ismail initiative", two industrialised countries — widely taken to refer to Japan and Germany — and three developing countries would secure permanent membership. The Security Council would, in addition, get four more non-permanent members, boosting its total strength to 24. The present membership is 15, five of them permanent.

The US initiative is not likely to meet with universal approval. The battle to secure the three new seats will be fierce.

Although India, Brazil and South Africa are regarded as the favourites, Argentina, Mexico, Indonesia, Pakistan, Egypt and Nigeria are expected to lobby hard for their own candidatures.

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German police are accused of abusing foreign prisoners

From Deborah Collcutt in Frankfurt

GERMAN police have been accused by the Council of Europe's human rights committee of using excessive violence when making arrests and detaining foreigners.

The Convention for the Prevention of Torture, set up in 1987 to examine the treatment of people deprived of their liberty, reported that asylum seekers in particular had complained in Germany of being beaten and kicked.

In its report, presented in Strasbourg yesterday, the convention also expressed concern over the conditions in which detainees were kept in German prisons, police stations and detention centres.

The critical findings come only weeks after Amnesty International accused German police of systematically ill-treating foreigners, and said that much abuse was racially motivated. The human rights organisation, which first found evidence of maltreatment in 1995, concluded that incidents were not isolated, and formed a pattern.

Amnesty also accused police officers of using excessive or unwarranted force in restraining or arresting people, and said detainees were subjected to cruel or inhumane treatment.

Although the convention's report found no evidence of this, it criticised a number of custodial authorities for depriving prisoners of their rights to inform a family member or lawyer of their detention and to see a doctor.

Since its last visit in 1991, the committee said that German authorities had failed to act on its recommendations to improve access to third parties for detainees.

A team of five lawyers, doctors and a judge, visited 15 detention centres, prisons and police stations in April, 1996. They were told by some inmates that, after being restrained on the floor, they were kicked and hit by police officers or guards with sticks. In two cases in Berlin, this was supported by medical evidence.

The Government has tried to play down the allegations.

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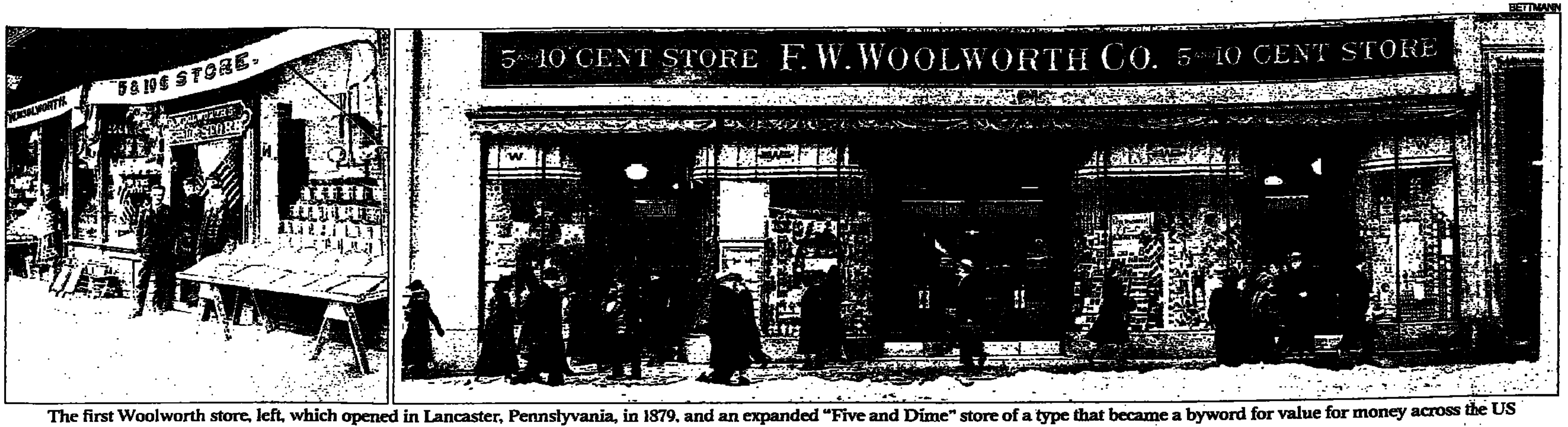

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The first Woolworth store, left, which opened in Lancaster, Pennslyvania, in 1879, and an expanded "Five and Dime" store of a type that became a byword for value for money across the US

FROM IAN BRODIE
IN WASHINGTON

THE LAST of the "five and dime" shops of F.W. Woolworth are to close after more than a century as a fixture of American life.

The company announced the end yesterday for the familiar gold lettering on a red background above the shopfronts that guaranteed a reassuring assortment of bargains inside, along with the inevitable lunch counter.

It all began with a failure. Frank Winfield Woolworth had gone broke as a merchant in 1879 by trying to sell items for five cents. So the next year he took the big leap of adding goods priced at 10 cents and never looked back.

His idea blossomed from his home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, across the United States and around the world. Woolworth was hailed as a marketing genius for inventing a primary rule of modern mass retailing, volume sales of low-priced goods, openly displayed, and modest profits.

As his chain grew, he bought up the entire output of many factories and stocked items that had never before sold for so little.

He crowned his expanding chain's success with the Woolworth Building in New York, then the highest in the world at 792ft. At his death in 1919 he owned more than 1,000 stores. The boom continued between the wars and beyond. The peak was 1962 with 2,127 stores.

But in recent years, national discount stores, plus "category killers" such as Toys 'R' Us and the advent of suburban malls far from Woolworth's traditional city-centre locations have all cut drastically into the firm's trade. The axe will fall on just over 400 Woolworth stores which last year reported an operating loss of $37 million (£22.5 million) despite accounting for one-eighth of the company's sales of $8 billion. The company intends to convert roughly 100 of the shops to its more profitable outlets, including Foot Locker athletic shoe shops and Champs sporting goods. The rest will be sold. They will leave a gap in many older neighbourhoods. Roughly a quarter of the remaining Woolworth stores are in New York City. The British end of the chain was sold to Kingfisher in 1982. Woolworth said yesterday it will not be closing its stores in Canada, Germany and Mexico.

Last year, Woolworth tried to reinvent the "five-and-dime" format with three test shops that concentrated on cosmetics and home goods. The lunch counter became a coffee bar.

It was too late. The final irony came last March when Woolworth Corporation was dropped for under-performing from the Dow Jones index of leading shares. Its place was taken by Wal-Mart Stores Inc, one of the discount chains that contributed to Woolworth's demise.

Scientists find man-eating shark of 'Jaws' has no tooth for human flesh

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN
IN NEW YORK

THE great white shark, cast as the man-eating villain in the film *Jaws*, does not actually like human flesh, American scientists have found.

Contrary to age-old mythology and modern Hollywood stereotype, the great white is a picky eater, preferring foods which contain more fat and energy than the average scrawny human body. Seals and sea lions, which offer up an oily plumpness, are far more tempting.

A study conducted by Peter Klimley, Peter Lyle and Scot Anderson, biologists at the University of California's Marine Laboratory, shows that the great white — which grows up to 19 ft long — almost never attacks humans knowingly. The scientists found that humans caught in the shark's jaws were usually released immediately. The release was akin to unpalatable food being spat out.

Since a shark can take up to three days to digest its meal, eating a human can be a bore. According to Dr Klimley, "if they ingest something that's not energetically profitable, like a human being, they're stuck with that for a few days of slow digestion".

According to estimates, great whites carry out serious attacks on people only four or five times a year worldwide. Unlike the portrayal in *Jaws*, with its lurid scenes of blood-stained seas, they kill only one person on average every year.

The new research is unlikely, however, to change perceptions of the shark overnight. The idea of a marauding monster terrorising swimmers near crowded beaches is too deeply embedded in the popular imagination for that. There are few more chilling images, on screen or in the sea, than a darting shark fin.

The shark's reputation for bloodlust rests on its rows of triangular teeth. Always visible in the wide-open mouth, the mere sight of them inspires cold terror.

The "shark revisionists" have to battle not only with the grisly phantasmagoria of the Hollywood shark — from *Jaws* to *Captains Courageous*, in which Spencer Tracy's lower body is savaged by the beast — they must also grapple with the force of literature.

In Jules Verne's *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, when Professor Aronnax was taken by Captain Nemo for a global submarine tour, the two men found themselves face-to-face with a great white on their underwater walk. Later, the professor related reports that fishermen had cut open the stomach of a great white and found a buffalo head, a whole calf and a sailor still in uniform.

☐ Whale campaign: A campaign to free the last killer whales in captivity has been launched by conservationists who claim many are dying young because of unnatural diets, stress and loneliness (Nick Nutall writes).

Campaigners are also calling on tourists to boycott marine parks and on governments to ban the capture of wild whales and dolphins.

The claim is highlighted by five orcas captured earlier this year off southern Japan. Two, a young male, and an adult pregnant female, have since died at Shirahama Adventure World.

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Britain is to pay £330,000 for new war crimes court

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

BRITAIN is to give the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague £330,000 to create a second court to speed up the trials of Bosnian war crimes suspects.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, also said yesterday that British forces would help to make further arrests among the 75 people wanted for war crimes. "I certainly do not regard last week's operation as the end of the story," he said.

A second courtroom could cut waiting times for trials by up to a year, he said, but the Dutch Government should not have to pay the full cost. Britain's grant was a response to the presiding judge's call for more outside support.

Britain will also consider giving more money to the International Criminal Tribunal on Rwanda, and Mr Cook called for a permanent International Criminal Court.

He announced the measures at a meeting of non-governmental organisations as part of a 12-point programme to put into practice the Government's commitment to human rights. These, he said, must be at the centre of British foreign policy. The information revolution meant that no one could now ignore, like Chamberlain, quarrels in a far-away country.

This did not mean walking away from countries with a bad record. "This may provide us with clean hands, but it is unlikely to provide their people with better rights." Apart from those regimes beyond rational persuasion, such as Iraq, more was achieved by engaging, wherever possible, in dialogue.

Mr Cook rejected as a self-serving excuse arguments that concern for human rights was a new form of cultural imperialism. "We are not seeking to impose some peculiarly British concept, but are inviting them to observe rights which have been universally recognised by the whole world."

Britain would not shrink from punitive steps where necessary. Unless there was a "radical transformation" by the military Government, Britain would call for the continued suspension of Nigeria from the Commonwealth at the forthcoming summit. He supported continued sanctions against President Saddam Hussein. And Britain would refuse to supply equipment and weapons to regimes that denied human rights.

Among the other policy changes he announced were lobbying international trade and labour organisations to eradicate forced labour and the exploitation of children, with a grant of $1 million (£59 million) to the International Labour Organisation. Cases of individual prisoners of conscience would be mentioned at meetings with relevant regimes.

He also said Britain's military training assistance would ensure foreign troops were made more sensitive to human rights.

Mr Cook said the Government could not act alone. British companies should ensure justice in global operations, and media corporations could support foreign journalists trying to create free media.

"I have not disguised the difficulties we face nor the limits to what we can achieve," he said. "I ask those who criticise us what they are doing to help us achieve our objectives."

John Lloyd, page 20

Cook: foreign policy to focus on human rights

Opposition rejects Moi's olive branch

From Our Own Correspondent in Nairobi

PRESIDENT MOI of Kenya yesterday offered an olive branch to opposition groups calling for basic political reforms after two weeks of violent protests against his government which left at least ten people dead.

But his offer to grant licences for political rallies immediately "in most cases" was spurned by church leaders and opposition MPs, who have demanded reform of the colonial era Public Order Act. They said last night they would continue with demonstrations which would be aimed at disrupting Mombasa, the centre of Kenya's coastal tourist trade.

"We will tear the heart out of the tourist trade to make sure that the whole world sees the need for change in Kenya. Hitting the ruling party in the pocket is where it will hurt most," said an official of the the National Convention Executive Council, the cross-party coalition of religious and political groups.

The Act, drawn up under the British administration to prevent pro-independence rallies and the gathering of more than nine people without a licence, has been used to crush opposition campaigning over the past five years. In the past two weeks Kenyan students have poured into the streets of Nairobi and provincial capitals to demand the Act be repealed. Kenyatta and Nairobi universities were closed.

MARIE-LIN PELATON / LA MONTAGNE

Philippe Brelot and his wife, Marie-France, out riding a week before he killed his wife's lover, Henri Pignot, and then killed himself

Saga of adultery, murder and suicide among rural elite grips French readers

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

PARIS police this week uncovered a bizarre tale of adultery, murder and suicide within the French aristocracy that might have sprung from the pages of an old-fashioned crime novel.

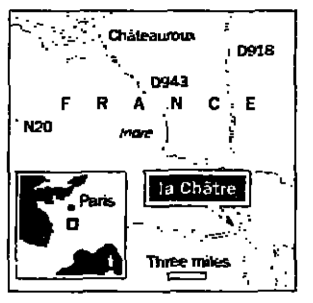
Last Saturday the body of Philippe Brelot, 43, was discovered in the Bois de Bellevue near la Châtre in central France. A passionate huntsman, Brelot had shot himself with a hunting rifle.

Investigators initially suspected a political connection, since Brelot's suicide came less than three years after his father-in-law, François de Grossouvre, a senior adviser to the late President Mitterrand, was found dead in his office in the Elysée Palace in another apparent suicide.

Within hours police had linked the death of Brelot to the murder of his childhood friend, Henri Pignot, a philosophy teacher who had been shot dead outside his Paris flat on Friday night, just a few hours before Brelot killed himself.

The double killing, police believe, was a classic *crime passionnel* with, in the words of *Le Parisien* newspaper, "a motive as old as the history of humanity".

Love letters discovered at Pignot's flat on the Rue aux Ours revealed that the bachelor teacher had been having an affair with Marie-France Brelot, his friend's wife.



Police say that Brelot, apparently driven to violence by his wife's infidelity, had driven to Paris from his home, the ancient Château de Veurdre, to murder his rival.

Witnesses saw a man waiting on the Rue aux Ours wearing an overcoat despite the summer heat — presumably, it is believed, to conceal the murder weapon. Police say Brelot killed Pignot with a single shot to the head, drove 150 miles back to the Bois de Bellevue to a spot near one of his favourite hunting grounds and then killed himself without leaving a note. The murderer and his victim, born in the same year and into the same upper-class rural society, had been close friends from infancy. They attended the same school and often hunted deer together in the forests around la Châtre, where Brelot kept a pack of 50 staghounds.

A dental surgeon, Brelot moved into the grand château in 1984 after marrying another childhood friend, Marie-France de Grossouvre, younger daughter of the powerful Mitterrand aide. The couple had three children. Friends described Brelot as a traditional country squire.

But mystery still surrounds the death of Mme Brelot's father. De Grossouvre, another keen huntsman and master of the presidential hunt, was officially declared to have committed suicide on April 7, 1994. There have been repeated allegations that he may have been pressurised into killing himself, or even murdered. In a recent book Captain Paul Barril, a former agent in the Elysée's anti-terrorist squad, claimed that three months before his death, de Grossouvre told him: "Paul, they are going to gun me down. I know everything now."

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India has first Untouchable president

Triumph is likely to intensify outcastes' fight for their rights

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA, its lowest castes increasingly in ferment after centuries of repression, has its first Untouchable president. It marks one of the most significant triumphs for the nation's millions of outcastes since Bhimrao Ambedkar rose to become principal author of the Indian Constitution in 1950.

Kocheril Raman Narayanan, 76, replaces Shankar Dayal Sharma, a Brahmin, the highest caste. The accession of a member of the lowest orders to arguably the most important post in the country will further embolden Untouchables — now commonly called Dalits, or the oppressed — to assert themselves and claim long denied rights granted both by law and the Constitution.

This is likely to hasten a caste revolution that is under way across much of the northern Hindi heartland, with low castes claiming political power and exacting revenge on their caste superiors. The changes are especially radical in Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state with 120 million people. It has launched a virtual caste war under the leadership of Mayawati , the Chief Minister, who is an Untouchable.

She has jailed 10,000 people for allegedly violating a law that bans discrimination against Dalits and members of tribes. High-caste government officials have been demoted, to be replaced by ill-qualified Dalits enjoying their first taste of high-level bureaucratic power and evidently, using it with abandon to repay insults.

There are tensions with the state's agrarian castes, principally Yadav and Jat, who despise the Untouchables, forcing them to live separately *and often to draw water from* separate village wells. Dalits are sometimes told to remove their sandals when walking through higher-caste sections of villages, and grooms are frequently banned from observing the Hindu tradition of riding to their weddings on horseback.

Mr Narayanan, chosen by an electoral college, polled an unprecedented 956,290 votes, compared with his rival, T.N. Seshan, an outspoken former Chief Election Commissioner, who received just 50,000 votes. Mr Seshan's sole party political backer was the extremist right-wing Hindu organisation, Shiv Sena.

Mr Seshan's loathing of politicians struck a chord with the nation but ensured his unpopularity across most of the political spectrum. He said in the opening words of his book, *The Degeneration of India*: "The decline of politics and politicians in India is visible, visceral and violent."

The presidency has become far more than a symbolic post since the end of the Gandhi-Nehru dynasty left India in almost ceaseless political turmoil. Presidents now find themselves in the centre of events, with the power to make or unmake prime ministers.

Mr Narayanan will move into the most magnificent building left by the Raj — Rashtrapathi Bhavan, the presidential palace formally occupied by the viceroy. His election comes after a week of severe caste tensions. Bombay was all but shut down last weekend when Dalits went on the rampage after discovering that a statue of Ambedkar had been "desecrated" with a garland of old sandals. Police killed several Dalits by firing into crowds of rioters, further inflaming the mood.

Mr Narayanan, a former career diplomat and member of the Indian Foreign Service, has been associated with the Congress Party, although the presidency is non-partisan. His wife, Usha, born and raised in Burma, is a social *activist*.

☐ **Chandigarh:** Three Sikh separatists were arrested last night in a train bombing northwest of Delhi that killed 39 people last week. Police reported the trio had only recently returned after living for years in the United States and Pakistan. *(AP)*

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Delhi police use water cannon to break up a mass protest yesterday against the killing of 12 Untouchables by police in Bombay last week

Sitaram Kesri, left, president of the Congress Party, congratulates President Narayanan after his win

Elusive bandit king tapes his terms for surrender

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

INDIA'S longest and most costly manhunt, a decade-old fiasco of bungling and amazing escapes, has yielded its most promising result: a tape-recorded message from the brigand Veerappan, offering surrender terms.

He is the Houdini of southern India, dodging even the immense might of the Border Security Force when they were deployed to catch him three years ago. Police and soldiers slaughtered suspected *gang members, and he* replied with a string of atrocities on policemen and forest officials. He kidnapped eight forest officials on Saturday to back his demand for an amnesty.

Veerappan is evidently weary of roaming through the south's torrid heat. He moves from village to village distributing largesse to avoid being turned in. His gang has been reduced to four or five men who must know the end is nearing. Villagers say he cuts a splendid figure: tall, a bandolier slung across his right shoulder, a rifle across the other, and his eight-inch black moustache waxed into curls.

India's poor adore bandits who take on the authorities, and Veerappan — his only *name — is the stuff of legends.* He has been a criminal for decades but came to prominence in 1987 when he lynched a forest official in the southern state of Tamil Nadu.

Over the years he has kidnapped and mutilated many forest officials for trying to curb what used to be a huge illegal industry felling sandal-wood trees and smuggling the wood to buyers across the country. Sandalwood is traditionally used for the cremations of the wealthy, and is immensely expensive.

Veerappan was also engaged in slaughtering elephants for ivory. He is credited with killing nearly 500 of them.

Three years ago when he offered to surrender in exchange for several billion *rupees, his offer was ignored.* This time his demands, sent on a cassette to J.H. Patel, Chief Minister of Karnataka, are said to be "less extravagant", although there is scant chance that the authorities will accept them. Judging by precedent, that is bad news for his eight hostages.

Saddam warns of deadlock over UN sanctions

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein yesterday served notice *that* Baghdad may no longer co-operate with the United Nations unless the Security Council lifts all sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait seven years ago.

Iraq had honoured its obligations and it was the UN's turn to reciprocate, he said in a three-hour televised address to the nation marking the 29th anniversary of the revolution that brought his Baath Party to power.

Diplomats took the warning seriously and said there could be a possible confrontation in October when UN weapons inspectors report again on Iraqi compliance. Sanctions cannot be lifted until they confirm Iraq's weapons of mass destruction have been dismantled. There is no sign Baghdad can expect a clean bill of health. Saddam could retaliate by expelling weapons inspectors, violating the flight embargo on Iraq or defying the American-policed no-fly zones over the north and south of his country, diplomats said.

"Iraq has fulfilled its obligations and it is unacceptable that the Security Council should not acknowledge these sacrifices of Iraq and in turn fulfil is obligations by lifting the embargo completely," Saddam said. Otherwise, he added, relations between Iraq and the UN Special Commission charged with ridding Iraq of its deadliest weapons could "reach a deadlock".

An Iraqi analyst in Jordan, who is not a member of any opposition group, described Saddam's tone as ominous. "This is very serious. Saddam's strategy has been to build up his people's hopes that sanctions would be lifted in the last quarter of this year," he said. "To help, he *dangled lucrative oil deals* before Russia, China and France to get their support at the Security Council. But far from seeing the embargo eased, Iraq was last month on the wrong end of a new resolution warning of even further sanctions unless sensitive sites were searched.

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Suspect toured gay clubs hours before murder of Versace

From Tom Rhodes
in South Beach, Miami

ANDREW CUNANAN, the homosexual gigolo hunted in the killing of Gianni Versace, was casually cruising the gay clubs of Miami's South Beach hours before he is alleged to have killed the fashion designer.

Police last night were viewing video-camera footage from Twist, a gay nightclub frequented by Versace and the scene at which Cunanan was spotted in the early hours of Tuesday. In its fey attention to detail, the gay community here appears to have chanced upon a distinctive feature that may help hundreds of police and FBI agents in their search for the human chameleon who for months has eluded capture: his thick, bushy eyebrows.

It had taken John Roberts, the club's manager, until late on the night of the murder to recognise the alleged killer on a television bulletin. "I suddenly realised he had definitely been in here in the early morning," Mr Roberts, 36, said. "No-one knows what he looks like because he is always in a different disguise. But the eyebrows are always the same. I notice eyebrows and his to me seemed very Joan Crawford. They were the reason he looked so familiar to me."

Frank Scatalini, another of the club's managers, believes he also saw Cunanan the previous Saturday and the FBI confirmed there had been reported sightings of the 27-year-old on three separate nights at Twist. Versace, they said, had not been present.

Video footage shows a suspect leaving the murder scene

Inside the club, Miami police were questioning patrons for further evidence that could lead to an arrest. Regulars, none of whom earlier had recognised their close brush with death, were racking their brains for a single memory. Police are considering various motives for the spree of killings that has led FBI agents on a nationwide tour, from Minnesota to Chicago and New Jersey to Miami.

Cunanan, believed to be HIV positive, may have wanted to wreak revenge on the community in which he contracted Aids. At least one of the five murders now attributed to him was the shooting of a former lover. Versace was reported to have met Cunanan in San Francisco years before the killer is alleged to have fired two shots at point-blank range into the back of his head outside his lavish home.

Warren Holmes, a polygraph specialist, said Versace may have rejected the sexual overtures of his killer. "It's an accumulation of jealousy and revenge that was tripped by Versace's rejection of him," Mr Holmes said.

The Versace murder may have been videotaped by a secret camera behind the door of the mansion and the FBI have been investigating hundreds of apparent Cunanan sightings in and around Miami in the last two weeks. His cheque book and passport, seemingly left as deliberate calling cards, were discovered in the red Chevrolet van he had stolen from the last crime in New Jersey. The Box, a music television station, gave police surveillance tape from one of its studio cameras, pointing down the alley through which Cunanan apparently ran after the shooting.

"This guy is very dangerous but he is nowhere near panicking," William Tafoya, a former FBI officer, said. "He walked away from the last murder, apparently feeling as though he had nothing to worry about. Just think of it: law enforcement officials up and down the coast are red-faced. He is getting a serious rush from all this attention. He's arrogant and manipulative. But more than anything, he's feeding his ego."

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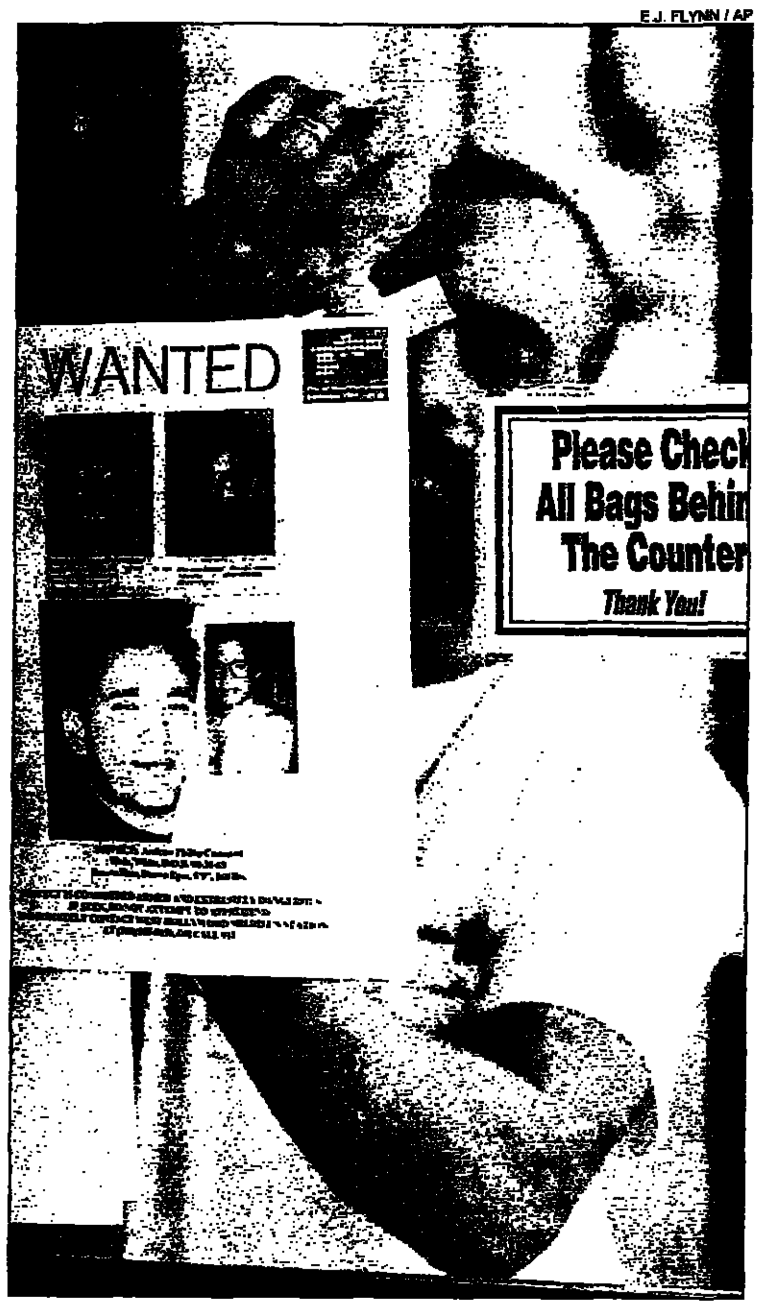

A store assistant in West Hollywood, California, sticks a wanted poster for Andrew Cunanan, the murder suspect, on his shop door

Internet spreads Cunanan details across America

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

A GAY anti-violence group based in New York has taken the hunt for Andrew Cunanan into cyberspace.

The Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project is using the Internet to flood America with information on the alleged homosexual serial killer wanted for the murder of Gianni Versace. It has given detailed descriptions, photographs, accounts of his habits and interests, as well as warnings to homosexual men to avoid dangerous situations.

Chris Quinn, spokeswoman for the group, said: "We're using the Net to spread the word about him. We have blanketed the country with details."

The group has also helped to plaster the walls of New York's gay bars and gathering places with posters of Cunanan's face. The group believes that he has visited New York in the past, under the alias Andy Da Silva. His last visit was thought to have been late in May.

The Internet was buzzing yesterday as gay groups and individuals exchanged information, fears and safety tips with each other across the country.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's "Ten Most Wanted List" website took an estimated 20,000 "hits" yesterday as Net-surfers — both the curious and the frightened — visited the site to read about the suspect.

The site, which features nine other "most wanted" suspects, has a selection of photographs of Cunanan, which those with access to personal printers have printed out and distributed. Such prints were being handed out at entrances to gay bars across the city as grave-faced bouncers exhorted visitors to "take care now".

A number of Gianni Versace sites have mushroomed, numbering 19 at the last count. They include Internet obituaries, sentimental tributes, pictures of models wearing his fashions, photographs of Versace, as well as newspaper reports.

New York police gave warnings to Internet users of the danger that lurks in "Internet liaisons". Ever since its introduction, the Net has served as a seething bulletin board for homosexual contacts. Meetings and sexual encounters can be arranged with perfect strangers, who provide detailed descriptions of themselves.

A police spokesman said: "We caution people to take the utmost care. There can be no guarantee of safety in such encounters. Now, above all, is the time for prudence. You never know who you'll find at the end of an Internet invitation."

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British base is attacked as Bosnian Serbs vow revenge

From Tom Walker in Sarajevo

A BRITISH troop base in Banja Luka has come under attack as militant Bosnian Serbs continue their intimidation of international personnel.

The crisis sparked by the SAS killing of Simo Drljaca, the suspected war criminal, has inflamed tension across Republika Srpska, where the state media's rhetoric now carries ugly echoes of the Bosnian war. Sinister underground resistance movements have sprung up, and some American international police have been withdrawn into the Bosnian federation.

The deterioration in relations with the Bosnian Serbs appears to have put a hold on operations to arrest more war crimes suspects, although French, British and American Nato sources all insist they believe more snatch operations must be staged.

Four explosions — three inside the perimeter and one outside — were reported early yesterday at a small Stabilisation Force compound on the outskirts of Banja Luka, where about 100 British troops are stationed. "A couple of intruders were seen and a patrol shot at them, missing," said Major Chris Riley, a Nato spokesman in Sarajevo. "They were just bangs, and there was no shrapnel. There was no danger." Major Riley said four "civilians" were later detained and handed to the Republika Srpska police.

Harassment of international soldiers and staff and explosions near their bases have become commonplace since the SAS snatch operations last week, and some form of organised resistance, fuelled by violent language on Radio Television Srpska, is growing. An organisation calling itself *Crna Ruka* (Black Hand) has distributed leaflets in Banja Luka, Doboj and Brcko, swearing revenge against British troops. "The IRA will look like a piece of cake," read one warning.

The original Black Hand was a Serb nationalist cell working at the turn of the century, which provided inspiration, training and transport for Gavrilo Princip, assassin of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. His shooting in Sarajevo led to events which sparked the First World War.

Largely unheard of since the end of that war, the Black Hand's ensignia — an arm holding the Serb flag, complete with skull and crossbones, knife, bomb and vial of poison — and its motto, "Death or Unity", have resurfaced on leaflets attached to Stabilisation Force vehicles and handed to soldiers. One tract specifically mentioned the Vrbas gorge, Nato's main north-south axis with Banja Luka, as being off-limits for British troops.

No special travel warnings have been given to the British community in Republika Srpska, but the American Embassy in Sarajevo confirmed that some American policemen "had been reassigned for their own safety". A source said they had been moved from Visegrad, a hardline Serb town on the Drina river, after receiving threats.

☐ **Belgrade:** Nikola Barovic, a prominent Belgrade lawyer, was seriously hurt when a bodyguard of Vojislav Seselj, the extreme nationalist leader, beat him up after a heated television debate.

The programme had to be interrupted after Mr Seselj called Mr Barovic's late father a Croatian Fascist spy and Mr Barovic retorted that Mr Seselj's wife was a prostitute. The lawyer then threw a glassful of water at the politician. Mr Barovic said Mr Seselj's bodyguard kicked and punched him in the head. *(AP)*

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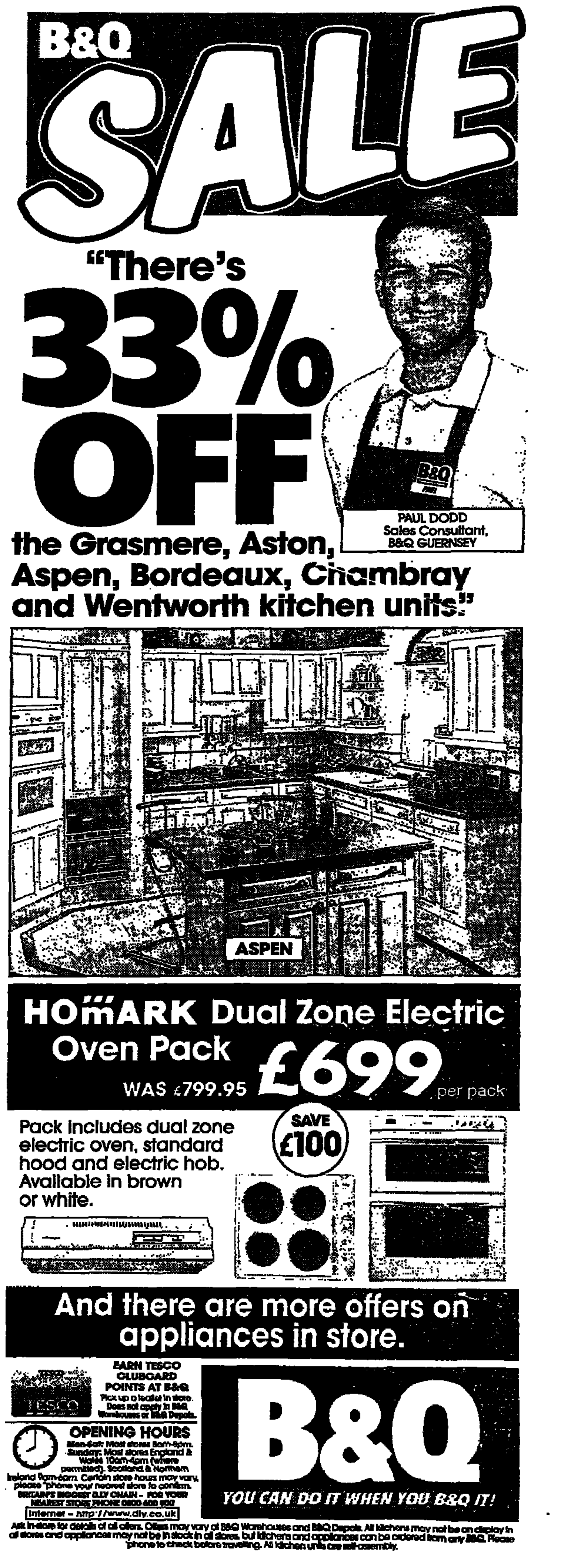
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Pupils with attitude

On the last day of term, students and staff at a school threatened with closure assess the future. **Bill Frost** reports

Jermain Watson is a boy with ambition, ability and anger. He wants to be an architect, not an unemployment statistic, and says he has been betrayed by an education system which consigned him to a school named and shamed as among the 18 worst in the country.

The teenager's fury is shared by the brightest and the best at Kelsey Park in Bromley, which has until the beginning of next term to raise standards — or face closure. Pupils who care about their future fear the south London school's unenviable reputation will drag them down.

"When you tell people you go to Kelsey Park they jeer at you, think you are thick — it would be the same if you were looking for a job," says 13-year-old Jermain. "I am asking my mum to let me leave."

Richard Harknett, the headmaster, shares his pupils' anger. A relatively recent arrival, he had begun to rebuild the school's reputation before the threat of closure was made.

Mr Harknett was told in May that his school, like 17 others, had four months to shape up or close down. Inspectors will return to Kelsey Park in October.

"If progress has been made, we stay open. Should they conclude that the school is still failing, they can close us then and there," he says.

Headmaster of a school in Buckinghamshire before moving to Kelsey Park in April last year, he was under no illusions. "I knew what I was getting into." He has weeded out ruthlessly the teachers "unwilling to roll up their sleeves and turn this place around". More than 60 per cent of his staff will be leaving today at the end of term.

"Some are going elsewhere, others haven't secured new jobs and the remainder are taking redundancy," he says.

He is disarmingly frank about his school's shortcomings: "I know that morale is low, bumping along the bottom. It is not very pleasant being described as 'a failing school'."

If Mr Harknett were able to draw more of his 800 pupils from this affluent corner of outer London, the school's academic standards would inevitably improve. However his boys come from the borough's badlands — Anerley and Penge — and from even meaner streets in Lewisham.

"There is prejudice against this school because we are not really part of the community and some of the boys don't do us any favours. They have been responsible for rowdiness and vandalism," he says.

At break, the boys scrap, smoke in the clump of trees at the edge of the playing field or knock a football about. A large group gathers around two pupils playing blackjack — "not for money though, mate, just for fun".

They all appear cheerful and there is none of the playground menace one might encounter closer to the centre of the capital. However, there is an undercurrent of suspicion and irritation.

"Come to make us look even worse have you," says one boy with a scowl. "Crap school, crap kids... that kind of stuff?

"Well you've got it wrong. No matter what the papers say, Kelsey's not that bad. OK, some of the teachers couldn't care less — they swear and make racist remarks — but others are OK; they care about us and we like them."

"We've all been made out as thick," says another. "How would you feel if your kids were branded dim by people who don't even know them?"

Tony Illingworth, head of the English department, holds the attention of his class with a mixture of wit, enthusiasm and discipline. He is a popular teacher and the boys listen intently as he spells out again the rules of grammar.

Jermain and his friend, Chez Snagg, also 13, respect Mr Illingworth. Unlike other members of staff, "he cares".

Mr Illingworth obviously *does* care — he wants his pupils to be prepared for the outside world when they begin the search for work. He is incensed at the closure threat and the damage done to the school's fragile morale.

"I have just about domesticated my outrage, although it has been difficult. It is hardly surprising — on the day the school was named, the boys were met at the gates by reporters asking how it felt to be thick kids at a sin-bin school.

"It was a really shameful decision to threaten Kelsey Park with closure. So much progress has been made and now recruitment of new teachers has been damaged and few parents would accept the school even as a second choice for their children."

He describes Jermain and Chez as "very gifted pupils — just the sort of boys we need to improve academic standards".

He is saddened but not surprised that they should want to leave.

Chez requires no prompting when he talks of Kelsey Park's failings — he is articulate and has clearly considered his future. He says staying at the school with its peeling paint and bad reputation would bury any chance he has of achieving his ambition to become a lawyer.

"Mr Illingworth is great and so are some of the other teachers — they make lessons interesting. But the majority of them are not really interested in us at all; they just want to get through the day.

"And there's the abuse, too. I was told that the only thing I could do when I left school was sell drugs.

"Why say that? My exam results are good. I am always in the top 2 per cent. I want to be educated and yet this person says that kind of thing... It is just because of my colour I suppose."

It is hard not to share this exceptionally bright boy's anger when he speaks of staff who tell a class to "read a book or something and remain quiet" until the lesson ends.

"The school has no focus," says Chez. "We are here to learn and too many of the teachers are just wasting the day away — they lost their sense of purpose."

Insisting that "the green shoots of recovery" have already appeared, Mr Harknett puts the boy's analysis in the past tense. The worst is over and his job now is to turn the school around, he says.

"The negative publicity is very worrying, particularly when progress is being made. However, those teachers who are staying on, and the new recruits, will be here next term because they want to be here.

"It is galling that the school is at best a second choice or at worst a last option. That's why our reorganisation must be aimed at academic recovery."

His action plan will have a familiar ring to those educated in the Fifties and Sixties. He is introducing a house system, "linking the pastoral and academic elements".

Sixth-formers with prefect status will police the school and encourage pupils to feel part of Kelsey Park. "But perhaps the most important element is the commitment of the remaining core and the new intake," he says.

Jermain dismisses the reorganisation as too little, too late. "I don't believe that this school will give me the start in life I deserve. What sort of teachers would come here after hearing that the school is one of the worst in the country? Bringing in a house system is not going to change anything either. It will be the usual story — just as you get to know a teacher they will get stressed out and sick of Kelsey Park and leave."

Chez is even less optimistic. "I just want to leave. If you have been let down by teachers once why should you trust them again?"

Perhaps the boys underestimate their head's determination, though. Richard Harknett's obvious energy and reforming zeal have already moved mountains with academic results improving steadily since his arrival.

However, he is working against the clock. Should the inspectors decide that the school is beyond salvation, his efforts will have been in vain. He will be looking for a new post and his pupils' worst fears about the system will have been confirmed.

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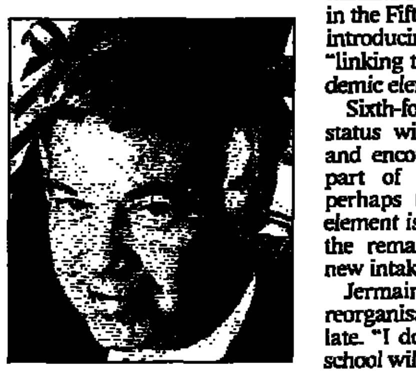

Richard Harknett

From rocket builder to spaceman

Anjana Ahuja on Michael Foale, the man who would save Mir

When Michael Foale was six, he tried, unsuccessfully, to build a rocket using a plastic bucket and a piece of corrugated iron. Thirty-four years on, the British-born astronaut is floating 170 miles above Earth aboard the ailing Russian space station, Mir.

That Michael is on Mir at all owes much to chance. He was given a place only at the last minute, when another astronaut had to drop out because he was too tall to fit in the Soyuz escape capsule. Now the fate of Mir, which has been losing power since it was struck by a cargo ship a month ago, could rest with him. Next week the former Cambridge astrophysicist is expected to undertake one of the most perilous spacewalks ever, to reconnect power cables that were ripped out in the collision.

He is, no doubt, deriving great comfort from the last package to be sent from his retired parents, who live in Cambridge. Air Commodore Colin Foale says: "Michael does like his tea. We sent him Sainsbury's Red Label teabags and some chocolate."

According to Air Commodore Foale, Michael's quest to conquer space continued unabated throughout childhood. After being rejected by the RAF because of a lazy eye, Michael decided to become an astronaut by taking the academic route. After leaving King's School in Canterbury, he sailed through his Natural Science Tripos at Queens' College, Cambridge, earning first class honours and a PhD in laboratory astrophysics from the Cavendish Laboratory. He also learnt to fly and dive.

In 1982, armed with his dual nationality passport (his mother, Mary, is American), Michael flew to Houston, booked himself into a motel and turned up uninvited at the Johnson Space Centre, where astronauts are selected and trained.

He had picked the wrong time — there were no vacancies. But Nasa executives were so impressed that they recommended him to McDonnell Douglas, the huge aerospace company, with the proviso that he return to Nasa as soon as a slot arose. Within a year Michael was on the Nasa payroll, and by 1986, he was on the astronaut training programme.

His parents flew out to Houston soon afterwards. For the Foales, the visit was marked not only by a tense ride in "a helicopter straight out of *M.A.S.H.*" eagerly piloted by their son, but something much more profound — the *Challenger* disaster. Seven astronauts perished.

Air Commodore Foale retains vivid memories of that day. "Michael was out at work, and Mary and I were in the flat listening to some classical music. Then the programme was interrupted to bring news of *Challenger*. It was really awful. Michael knew the crew. It is one thing to lose a shuttle but to lose astronauts was dreadful. But Michael didn't waste too much time with tears; he was soon applying his analytical mind to what went wrong."

Michael's father refused to allow the disaster to affect him too deeply. He has experienced tragedy himself — Michael's younger brother, Christopher, died aged 21 — and he says, matter-of-factly: "It was always quite obvious that Michael was going to be involved with something risky. He's like me, in that we find physical and intellectual challenges stimulating. Preparing for them is almost as good as doing them."

When Michael and his wife, Rhonda, a mineralogist who has now stopped working to look after their two children, Jenna and Ian, celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on July 31, he will still be on Mir.

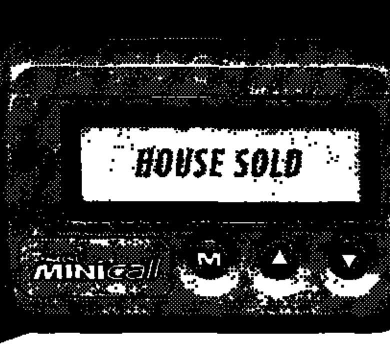
It is Michael's fourth mission — he is the second Briton in space, after Helen Sharman, but the first to have performed a spacewalk (to test a spacesuit).

Yesterday morning an e-mail from Michael arrived. Although the contents are officially secret, it was clear things had deteriorated. Air Commodore Foale fears that Michael and the two cosmonauts may have to evacuate. "That would be awful because it would probably mean the end for Mir," he says.

The repair mission is demanding and dangerous — two crew members must venture outside to reattach disconnected power cables, while the remaining astronaut waits in the Soyuz escape capsule. Foale was to man the capsule before Vasily Tsibliyev, Mir's commander, developed an irregular heartbeat.

The proud Foales, who also have a daughter, Susan, 35, were yesterday planning to spend the day with friends at an open-air staging of *Macbeth*. They have every faith in their son. Air Commodore Foale says: "I was actually pleased when I heard Michael might do it because I feel he'll do a better job. Mary and I don't worry about it — worry is a corrosive thing."

Michael Foale: spacewalk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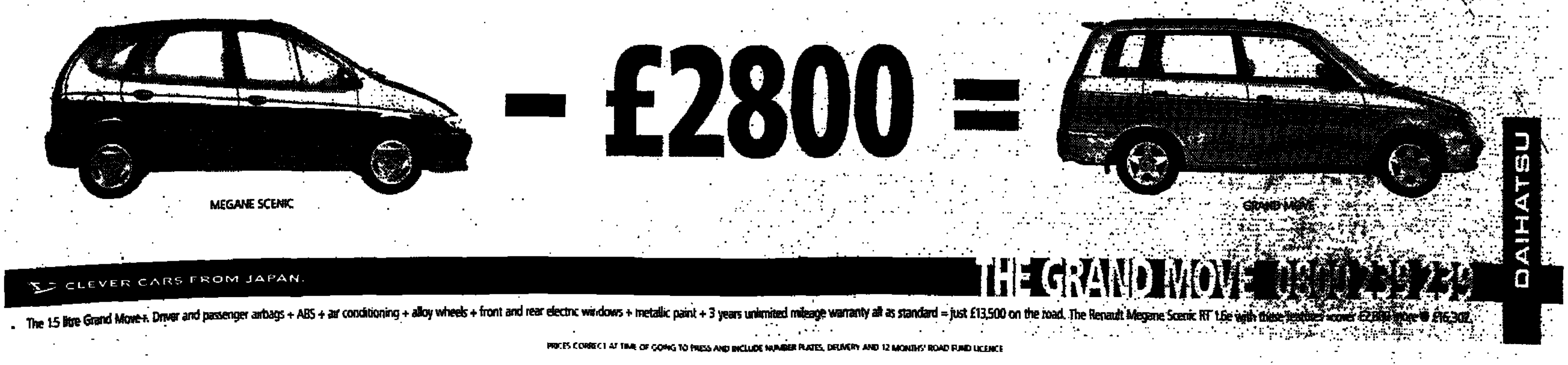

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The love match that trumps Ivana

Behind the glitzy playboy image of Riccardo Mazzucchelli lies a very different man – and a romance that lasted 22 years

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Riccardo with then fiancée Ivana Trump, October 1994

DES JENSON

The media said Riccardo Mazzucchelli was after Ivana Trump's money, but his friends say he is a genuine man

Riccardo Mazzucchelli is an international businessman, society jet-setter and the current husband of Ivana Trump. He has things to do, people to see — yet a letter to his Knightsbridge office prompts a return phone call. "How are you?" I inquire. "I could be better," he replies with a strong Italian accent, a distinctly hang-dog tone and — perhaps surprisingly for a man on the brink of an acrimonious divorce — a touch of humour.

There are, at the moment, many who would like to know how Riccardo is. America's *National Enquirer*, in particular, would like to inquire. It has already run two inflammatory stories this month, one stating that Ivana will file for divorce by the end of August to avoid making even larger payments to Riccardo, the other — clearly a response from the Riccardo camp — claiming that it is he who has already spent $5 million on her. This tawdry game of tit-for-tat would doubtless have gone on, had not a Manhattan judge imposed a restraining order on the couple.

Riccardo is very sensitive about his perceived image as a gold-digger. He first met Ivana in 1991, at a dinner at Claridge's. She was in the process of negotiating an enormous payout from her second husband Donald Trump (her first, brief marriage was to an Austrian). From the start, gossip columnists hinted that Riccardo was simply after her money.

They were engaged in October 1994, but the original June 1995 wedding date was cancelled after Riccardo reportedly refused to sign the prenuptial agreement — more ammunition for those who thought him greedy. Finally he did sign and they married in November — but his reputation was in tatters.

Yet one has only to look at Riccardo's sumptuous Chelsea pad — he divides his time between London and New York — to see that this is a man of considerable style and even more substance. The chandeliers, antique furniture and swag curtains shout wealth.

Sadly, however, one tends to feel one knows a great deal about Donald Trump's Italian replacement even before he speaks a word. There are the effusive statements — "I hope to spend the rest of my life with this wonderful woman" (December 1991, just before their skiing holiday). There was the engagement party at Syon House, orchestrated by Liz Brewer, the doyenne of society PRs. The world's media were invited but Riccardo stood up and announced: "This is something very private; we are just having a few friends; there are only 120 seats." His nadir was perhaps the 1995 charity ball when he followed Jeremy Beadle's injunction to stand on a chair and dropped his trousers in front of the Duchess of York. But above all, he married Ivana Trump. What kind of man does that?

It is a more complex question than it might appear. Friends suggest he was naive. One recalls him reading the newspapers and asking: "What does 'vulgar' mean?" He had, apparently, no idea how she was perceived in England.

When one first talks to Riccardo, however, he does indeed sound like a talking medallion. He describes his business triumphs; how he made his fortune from engineering and town-planning in the Third World, in an Italianate ramble. Yet he follows this with an apparent non-sequitur: "I'm the type of person that believes that however differently people may behave today, a man may kiss but certainly cannot tell." He clearly feels that his honour is at stake and wants to make it plain that, gagging order or not, he is not the type to attack his wife.

> 'I idolised Riccardo, but I didn't know what the world was like'

This is all very well, but even if we accept that Riccardo is a man of dignity, shamefully traduced by the media, what comes next is unexpected. Riccardo suddenly says: "I'm still very good friends with my first wife. We were together for 22 years." They have one son, and it was his only marriage before Ivana.

So I decide to call Stella Metaxa (her maiden name) in Athens. What emerges, to my surprise, is a rather moving love story. Stella turns out to be an intelligent, humorous and down-to-earth woman. What's more, she speaks perfect English, having been sent to a Surrey boarding school by her father, a Greek sea captain. The very fact that she stayed with Riccardo for 22 years speaks volumes for him.

Sadly, it appears that it was Stella who ended the marriage, wanting to move on to what she thought would be a better life. Then he met Ivana and fell in love. Now that relationship has crumbled. It is difficult not to perceive him as something of a little boy lost. A friend even describes him as "a lamb to the slaughter" in the relationship with Ivana — and frankly one can believe it, however bad his behaviour may have been at times. It is also significant that when I ask after his parents, he immediately tells me that they "are still together after 60 years". Marriage matters to him.

"Riccardo is a born provider," Stella begins. "Let me give you a few examples. I was 16 and staying in Italy on my way back to school in England when I met him. He was 18, and going out with a girl who looked very much like Ivana — when I saw Ivana I immediately understood why he had liked her. Anyway, I fell head over heels in love with him and he with me.

"He was extremely good-looking then and very protective. We wanted to marry but I was only 18, and thought my parents would not accept it, so we eloped to Zambia, where his father had taken on an engineering contract. One of the first things he said to me was 'You're not to take a cent out of your bank account'. I wasn't especially wealthy anyway but he was just determined to provide for me."

They spent around the first ten years of their marriage in Zambia. "He took over from his father. When his business took off he built a fantastic house, but at first it was tough."

Riccardo was 24 when their only child Fedele, nicknamed Delhi, was born in 1966 in the local Zambian hospital. "Riccardo wanted a son very, very badly. Delhi was premature — he was only 4lb 13oz. Riccardo wasn't allowed in at the birth, but when he saw the baby he picked me up in his arms and whirled me round. It was one of my best moments." They went on to live in Uganda and Nigeria, and Delhi was sent to Millfield school in England. "Riccardo did all he could to see him. On one occasion he flew from Zambia to England just for Delhi's weekend exeat.

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"Throughout our marriage, he was a protector — to the point where I got annoyed." Even after their divorce settlement, he bailed her out of a bad property deal.

Given these glowing reports, why did they split? "Well, we married in our teens. I'd never worked, I absolutely idolised Riccardo, and loved him very much, but having lived in Zambia, I didn't know what the outside world was like and I wanted to. Frankly, I don't really like what I see. I was better as I was. There's a still a lot of respect between us. I explained to Riccardo, 'I still care for you. I love you very much as a friend, a companion, a brother even, but if we don't separate now it will go sour.' There were no outside causes behind the separation."

They gained a legal separation around ten years ago, but didn't divorce until Riccardo wanted to marry Ivana. Stella has never remarried. When her mother had a triple heart attack she returned to Greece. Their son married a Tokyo-born fashion executive, Naomi Miyashita, and in March 1996 they had a daughter, Katerina. But within a week of the birth Naomi was found to have cancer. She died in London a month before her daughter's first birthday. The family, including Riccardo, was there. "It was the worst year of my life," says Stella.

Riccardo appeared to feel guilty that he was not more involved in looking after their granddaughter — she is in Athens with her father, grandmother and great-grandmother, who live a few doors from each other. But as Stella points out: "Riccardo can't stop his life and look after a grandchild."

The man Stella describes is not at all the man whose antics have entertained the British public. "Maybe in the beginning he was so besotted [with Ivana] he gave the impression that he would be just a lamb lying there," she says. "But of course he is more domineering than that."

It seems rather a shame that Riccardo could not have stayed with Stella, and thus avoided the whole Ivana circus. "I don't want to draw comparisons," he says. But he can't help himself: "From 1966 to 1997, Stella has proven to be very composed, very loyal. We're good friends and sometimes that's more important than the love that comes and goes. A woman can feel for a man and after a while not feel as much . . . our rapport is tied with the past and with respect."

He agrees to send some family pictures: Stella and Riccardo in Lusaka, Tanzania, Ibiza. Several of their son at different ages, including one flanked by his parents at his graduation. The first Rolls-Royce. The first Ferrari. A whole existence, a real man — all pre-Ivana.

Riccardo, Stella and baby Delhi in Tanzania

In Zambia, July 1967: "At first it was tough"

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■ Lest we forget: *The Times* printed *Recessional* — but not before Kipling had binned it

A century ago at the end of the Great Queen's Diamond Jubilee, *The Times* published *Recessional*, which it had commissioned from Rudyard Kipling: "God of our fathers, known of old . . ." This is one of the best-known poems in English, still bellowed at school founder's day celebrations, omitting the fourth verse. The poem marked the turn of the high tide of Empire. It also encapsulates paradoxes of Kipling's reputation and his relationship with *The Times*.

The paradox of Kipling's reputation: before *Recessional* he was a popular writer. But after it he became a controversial celebrity, the poet of Empire, accused of jingoism, snobbery and racism. Kipling was not the Poet Laureate, although he should have been instead of the bathetic Alfred Austin, whose official verses are still quoted for their unconscious humour. The rumour that Queen Victoria blocked Kipling's candidature because she was offended by his ballad *The Widow at Windsor* is tosh, based on a bogus letter. It is an irony of literary history that *Recessional* is the first bit of evidence for his jingoism. For it is a warning against imperial triumphalism.

The devil comes in the couplet, "Such boastings as the Gentiles use,/Or lesser breeds without the Law." Apologists say that one should concentrate on the last three words. There is room for all within the law, which sees no breed which has accepted it as greater or lesser than another.

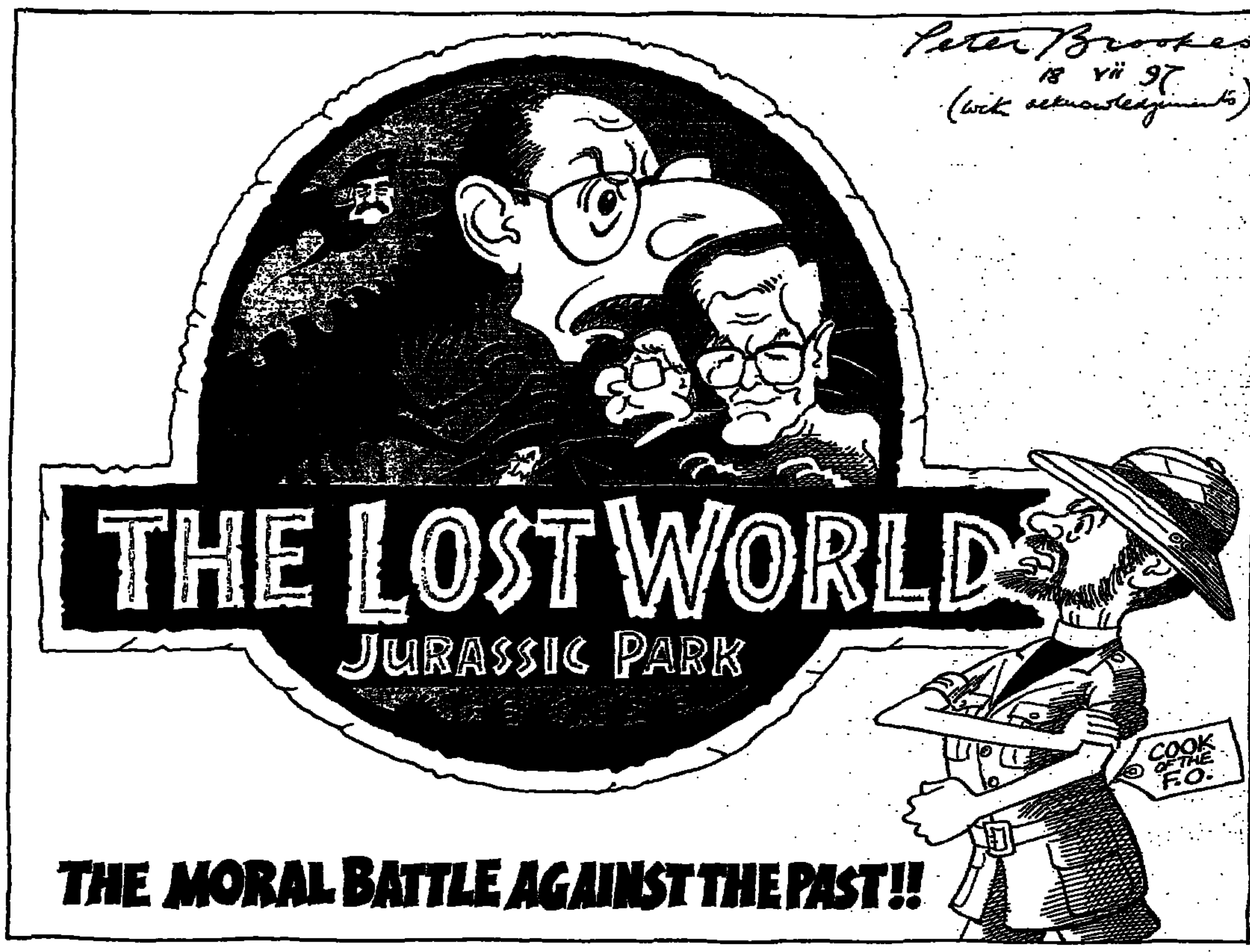
The irony of the poem is that Kipling got writer's block over his Jubilee ode, not helped by frequent telegrams from the Editor screaming for copy. He found one line, "Lest we forget", echoing the glories of the English hymnal, and was playing with lines around the tune of *Eternal Father, strong to save*. Then, on July 16, 1897, his house guests at Rottingdean found crumpled sheets headed "After" in a wastepaper basket, and protested that they were too good to chuck away. Amendments were made "in council", including the repetition of "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,/ Lest we forget — lest we forget!" as a refrain. "Aunt Georgie" (Lady Burne-Jones, Kipling's maternal aunt) took a fresh copy of it up to London. And it appeared on July 17 on the middle page of *The Times* under a new title *Recessional*, and with an orotund paragraph of approval in the leading article.

Kipling's account of the business is as economical with the truth as the rest of his memoirs, written 40 years later. The paradox of Kipling's relationship with *The Times* was that until *Recessional* Kipling was on the best of terms with the old guard at the paper. We paid the infant prodigy the honour of a leading article when he arrived in England. And he gave us his "moral" poems free "because for this kind of work I did not take payment".

After *Recessional* he became the eminent freelance from hell, fussing obsessively about commas and layout, publication dates and payments, refusing to deliver copy and taking his work to rival newspapers. Kipling was traumatised by the Boer War and then the Great War. He formed the opinion that *The Times* had become a dangerously radical organ. This was a heroic effort of self-deception in the early years of the century.

The paradox of *Recessional* is that it exhibits the best and the worst of Kipling. The first verse is in part "a splendid hymn speeding over the world". It is rich with his master Horace's metonymies (substituting an attribute for the thing itself, as in "pine and palm" and "valiant dust"). But it is more involved than most of Kipling's rattlingly fluent verse. It does include politically incorrect and offensive references to Gentiles, lesser breeds and heathen hearts. For Kipling did become racist about Jews, "Huns", Portuguese and "lesser breeds". There are also errors of syntax and logic. When he writes "Judge of the Nations, spare us yet", he fails to notice a contradiction. He should say "spare us, even though we forget".

Kipling was a great short story writer and a fine poet when on form. *Loot* is disgusting. He became a jingo and a prima donna. But he still wrote wonderfully about all races and classes and conditions of men. *Recessional* is a flawed masterpiece that marked a turning point for the Empire and Kipling. Thank goodness his guests rescued it from the bin.



BBC Centre cannot hold

A Scottish parliament would take over arts, sport — and public service broadcasting

Matthew Parris

Canoeists and swimmers learn that dangerous underwater currents can betray their presence in different ways. A troubled and choppy surface, for instance, may signal disturbance below. But not always. In some conditions a less obvious telltale will appear. The water's surface may appear fairly flat and unbroken but on closer study reveal tight little knots and swirls, like the rippling of a muscle. This is the most dangerous signal of all. Powerful currents, an agitation of real force, may lie beneath.

Next week the Government publishes its long-promised White Papers on devolution. The Scottish Referendum Bill (now in the Lords) was guillotined in the Commons: if MPs blinked, they missed it. So, apart from Scottish Questions (which has occurred only twice since the general election), the issue has barely surfaced. The Prime Minister hardly seems to have been troubled by Scotland at his now less frequent PM's Questions session.

For the political canoeist, to watch Scottish Questions this Tuesday — the last before the referendum — was to see not the angry surface of an obvious maelstrom, but those characteristic tight, muscular little knots of tension which so reliably indicate vexation below. (I speak of the Government side alone: for the moment the Tories are irrelevant to the debate.) In brief, I have no sense of any settled consensus among and between either front or back benches on the government side, as to where this thing is going.

Though Tories scoffed, there was actually much sense in Tony Blair's assertions before the election that constitutional change should not be poked and snipped at but faced head-on, argued through in principle and set out openly beforehand. So often in Britain we make one small step because it seems the best thing at the time, only to discover that it leads somewhere we never thought we wanted to go. What is slipping through now is just what Mr Blair has said was so unwise: a refusal to come to grips with change: an unwillingness to ask ourselves what we want.

Where, then, is this going? I can put one possible consequence: not the most important of the myriad consequences which may flow, nor one either to be feared or desired, but a "for example" — just one — which intrigues me, which serves as a telling illustration of how strong these currents may prove, and which almost nobody seems to have noticed so far. When England and Scotland become two nations with two legislatures and two systems of administration, what case is there for the continued broadcasting supremacy of the BBC? Why not set up a separate Scottish Broadcasting Corporation?

Has anyone thought this through? Let me suggest the devolutionists' case as it must emerge, in all its force and logic. The argument for devolution is distinguished from the argument for independence by its reliance on the idea of "subsidiarity". This is a hideous expression but a clear and powerful philosophy. It means devolving downwards all those functions of the State which can be better or more popularly exercised at a devolved level. The White Papers on Scotland and Wales next week will help to clarify which these are. In Scotland's case, they are likely to include most of the present powers of the Scottish Office, and all matters under the purview of the Scottish Grand Committee. Scotland already has its own legal system and police forces, and many of the Home Secretary's functions will be transferred (though abortion is problematical). Health, education, local government and transport should be matters for a Scottish parliament. Even taxation will be able to be varied, within limits, by that assembly.

So can anyone tell me why a ministry called, until recently, "Heritage", and this week renamed "Culture, Media and Sport", will not be returned to the Scots? That Scottish heritage, culture, media and sport are concerns the Scots cannot be trusted to administer strikes me as an assertion with which the Scottish National Party could have a great deal of fun; and not one which the Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, will wish to make.

What does the former Heritage, now Culture, Department do? It administers the arts. If a sense of nationhood means anything, it must surely involve a sense of shared culture. Why cannot Scotland take care of its own music, dance and fine arts? What concern have English MPs in such matters? Heritage in its original sense, too — the care of listed buildings, ruins, monuments — already organised from Edinburgh, should be no concern of a London Cabinet. Art galleries and museums could not possibly remain under Westminster's control.

And the Culture Department administers the National Lottery. If the demand that a Scottish parliament take responsibility for the distribution of lottery grants in Scotland does not quickly prove irresistible, then my surname is McLeod. Culture (or Heritage) administers sport. It will be a brave Chris Smith who tells the new Scottish parliament that the Scottish Premier League cannot be overseen in Scotland. Parliamentary questions on the Edinburgh Tattoo, or the Highland Games, to be put to an English Secretary of State in London? You must be joking.

And, finally, there is broadcasting. Commercial broadcasting has already been devolved in its execution, so surely its supervision and regulation must be broken up too? Only the BBC remains partially undevolved. BBC Scotland exists already. This has tended to supplement rather than replace the BBC's "national" output. On television, BBC1 and BBC2 in Scotland carry much that they do in England, but replace a good many programmes with their own. The BBC's five national radio channels are available nationwide, but in Scotland there is also the BBC's Radio Scotland. Conceptually, the structure is rather a mess — there being, for instance, no Radio England — but much of the BBC's ostensibly national output is noticeably Anglocentric. Organisationally, the corporation remains very much that: a corporation, its operations scattered all over the United Kingdom but its power structure centralised and pyramidical. The buck stops in London.

Why should it? Hot on the heels of the first wave of devolution must come calls for a complete reorganisation of public service broadcasting. It may be that an umbrella organisation needs to remain in London to supervise the World Service and organise the production and sale of programmes; but why should London be pumping out five "national" radio channels and two television channels to Scotland, under the aegis of an English Director-General, a London-based Board of Governors — and an Englishman called Culture Secretary and answerable to an overwhelmingly English Westminster Parliament? It is true that these include a measure of regional input, but as a "devolved" Scot I would call that a sop. The case for a Scottish Department of culture, media and sport, responsible to a Scottish parliament, and a Scottish broadcasting corporation with a Scottish director-general who takes no orders from London, is perfectly unanswerable.

Mr Dewar and Mr Blair, however, will have to try to answer it next week. For unless I am mistaken, much which I have proposed above will not be conceded in the Scottish White Paper. Over the decade ahead stretches the miserable prospect of an unceasing ground-battle for strategic positions in public administration, with Westminster's troops in slow, uneven retreat.

How I wish I were on the winning side! As a Scottish nationalist, what speeches could I make! Imagine the angry tirade on broadcasting, in an Edinburgh parliament, as MPs debate a motion demanding a nationwide campaign of non-payment of TV licences.

"Mr Moderator, [if that is what they call him] if a nation is a nation, it must have a voice, or how is nationhood to be expressed? And what is a nation's voice if not heard in confident control of public service broadcasting? News, the arts, entertainment, sports reporting . . . it is through these that we speak to each other as a people. And are we now to be told that we may not speak direct, but through a filter held in London by an Englishman, answerable to another Englishman, answerable to an English Parliament? Prime Minister Blair [cries of "Sassenach!"] has already told us we are comparable to a parish council. Now his lickspittle Dewar [cries of "Uncle Tom!"] tells us we are incapable of running a radio station [cries of "shame!"]. How many more insults must we endure . . ? "

Oh, it is all so wretchedly, drearily predictable.

A Foreign Secretary to test us

Cook's high-minded policy is hard-headed too, says **John Lloyd**

The Foreign Secretary yesterday stepped up to the rostrum of the Foreign Office's Locarno Room and, in his customary precise and sardonic manner, carefully fashioned a rod for his own back.

The rod was given a glitzy launch. It was introduced by Zeinab Badawi, who reads Channel 4 News. It was commended by Martin Bell. It was endorsed by Will Hutton of *The Observer*. Has any government initiative ever before been presented by a bright and beautiful TV anchor, enthused over by an MP not from the government benches and approved on the spot by the Editor of a national newspaper? Robin Cook's style — inviting into the Foreign Office's gilded chambers a range of pressure groups, non-governmental organisations, academics and media personalities — makes his the zaniest constellation in the Whitehall galaxy.

His theme was that human rights must be a central concern of foreign policy, that — to steal a phrase adopted by the Prime Minister when he was Leader of the Opposition — we *are* our brothers' keepers. Modern communications and the omnipresence of the cameras mean we watch horrors from abroad nightly — and, says Cook, "the fact that we are witnesses in our sitting rooms to those events requires us to take responsibility for our reaction to such gross breaches of human rights".

The word the Foreign Secretary used was "require". The road opened up by this word is full of grief. Leaders who promise to export goodness have rarely escaped mockery and disappointment. President Jimmy Carter's efforts to do so were widely seen to have failed: Henry Kissinger devoted large parts of his book *Diplomacy* to a sustained attack on the battiness of seeking to make foreign policy beholden to an idealistic impulse.

Cook himself emphasised that human rights had been raised in public consciousness by the media. Chamberlain's famous dismissal of the prewar Czechoslovaks as "people of whom we know nothing" would, he said, now be impossible: "no country is too far away for us not to know instantly". But the media's attention is fickle — now intense, now indifferent — and public attention follows suit.

Douglas Hurd, when he was Foreign Secretary, commented in some exasperation on "the many who, in their indignation at a particular tragedy, argue in a way which implies that Britain should take part in tackling every wrong". But Mr Cook has set himself against this received, conservative wisdom.

And what interests he is taking on! In seeking to inject an ethical dimension into foreign policy, and in particular into the criteria used to issue licences for the export of arms (a review of which is still going on) he is courting the wrath of the defence and aerospace industry lobbies, which employ 500,000 people and export nearly £5 billion worth of weapons a year. The Scott inquiry into arms sales to Iraq showed our last Government willing to slide round its own rules to keep the contracts coming and the arms production lines moving. These pressures are real: Labour is hardly likely to be less sensitive to charges that it is destroying jobs than the Tories.

Finally, the promulgation of high principle leaves low compromise ever vulnerable. From now on, every time the Foreign Office agrees to look the other way; to allow an arms contract to a government with a doubtful human rights record; to laud a relationship with a state which oppresses, imprisons and tyrannises, Mr Cook will be in the hypocrite's dock. Remember what happened to John Major after he promulgated an era of family values? It seemed as if his Cabinet were composed solely of serial adulterers. Henceforth, British foreign policy can be represented as failing every test of moral probity.

Yet, to hear Mr Cook stand and say that the basic tenets of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights — the rights to life, liberty, the practice of religion, participation in government, freedom from torture and freedom of thought — were "self-evident" and must be furthered was to feel that Government was taking a step towards proving itself worthwhile.

To listen to a Foreign Secretary commit his Government to sanctions against states which grossly violate human rights; give warning that the criteria for arms exports would be tightened; promise that the exploitation of children would be actively opposed; give money to the International Criminal Court to enlarge its tribunal space to allow it to try war criminals more quickly and proclaim his support for a pluralistic media where it is threatened was to feel pride — a feeling not, I judge, confined to his own party's supporters. This country's leaders have, since the war, found it impossible to come up with a "certain idea of Britain". In part, at least, such a notion might be found in seeing our power — not yet negligible — used to advance rights which most would agree should be available everywhere.

Cook is a canny, cunning and ambitious politician. But he is in politics for something: his ambition seems to include wishing to leave the world better than he found it. He ended his speech with a challenge to business, to the media and to the public to meet him on the terrain of putting our actions where our rhetoric is. In the end, he has made a rod for our backs too. And so he should.

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DIARY

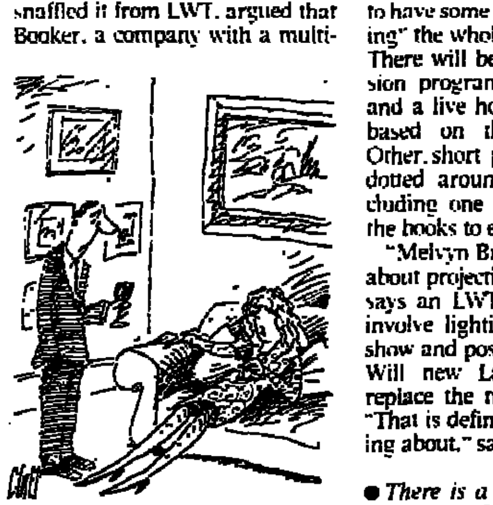
Booked up

GRUBBY demands for money from the BBC have helped to persuade the Booker Prize management committee to move television coverage of their awards ceremony to Channel 4, where it will be produced under the tentacular aegis of Melvyn Bragg and LWT.

The BBC, which has televised the ceremony since 1987 having snaffled it from LWT, argued that Booker, a company with a multi-billion-pound turnover, could at least help with production costs. Its unprecedented demands meant that the show went to Channel 4, which not only offered a better all-round presentation but was also happy to pay its own way.

The format of the main ceremony is likely to stay the same — dinner and prizegiving in Guildhall. Bragg, however, is said to have some ideas about "packaging" the whole event more jazzily. There will be a late-night discussion programme on Booker eve and a live hour-long programme based on the awards dinner. Other short programmes will be dotted around the schedule, including one allowing readers of the books to express their views.

"Melvyn Bragg has lots of ideas about projecting the event better," says an LWT spokesman. These involve lighting, the pace of the show and possibly the dress code. Will new Labour lounge suits replace the traditional black tie? "That is definitely worth speculating about," says Bragg's man.



"*I can't decide between* The Lost World *and Camilla's party*"

● *There is a new terror stalking the House of Commons known as Redwood-Lite. Walking like a mummy from a Hammer film, it sneaks up behind Tory MPs, touches them on the arm and with a smile fixed as though with a coat-hanger tries to make small-talk. "John was so glum after losing the leadership campaign," says one victim of his icy touch, "that he is now trying to be more friendly and overdoing it."*

Pianissimo

TECHNOLOGICAL advances have rendered Andrew Lloyd Webber's pianos redundant. The composer is selling off three of his favourites, two Bluthner grands and a white Japanese number. On one of the Bluthners Lloyd Webber is said to have composed *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

The concert grand, estimated by Sotheby's at between £30,000 and £50,000, is being disposed of in favour of a less distinguished electronic Yamaha Clavinova. The reason, according to one close to Lloyd Webber, is that he can attach his Yamaha to a computer.

● *Not to be upstaged by the Prime Minister's wife, who accrued a £2,000 hairdressing bill during last month's G7 summit in Denver, Baroness Thatcher has been spotted with a new apricot hair-rinse. Once described by the National Hairdressers' Federation as "a million-dollar advertisement for British salons", Lady Thatcher has done her hair in innumerable shades of brown and yellow, culminating in a lemony blonde when she left office in 1990. "The Baroness visits a local hairdresser several days a week," says a voice in her Belgravia office. "Her colouring is strictly private."*

Benson: no invitation

Home alone

ONE face missing from Camilla Parker Bowles's 50th birthday party at Highgrove this evening will be Charles Benson, the portly London socialite, who stuck up for her on last month's Channel 5 documentary, *Camilla*. He will be sitting at home rather than partying with friends such as the Earl and Countess of Halifax, the Palmer-Tomkinsons, and even his wife, Carolyn Benson, the Prince of Wales's party organiser.

Benson defied Mrs Parker Bowles's plea not to co-operate with the documentary and agreed to be interviewed for money. Comments such as "She is no longer the witty, smiling personality that I knew so well . . . her friends have seen her go down and down" would have been irksome to his old friend. Speaking from his London home yesterday, Benson sounded glum: "I never expected to be invited, but I suppose most of my friends will be going."

Hunt over

Tara: not so lonely

BAD news for those men wanting to sling an arm round Her Fulham Highness Tara Palmer-Tomkinson. In an interview in next month's *Vogue*, she says "Do you know, my life is so lonely? I just can't find a man who wants to settle down with me — I suppose they must find me terribly threatening." She has since found herself a man: Mike Strutt, grandson of one Lord Belper.

Strutt, a swarthy Old Etonian, has had careers as a motorcycle taxi driver, pop musician and football coach in Los Angeles. His circle overlaps with the polo/restaurant set from which T P-T has chosen past boyfriends.

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WHISPER WHO CARES

The UN has seen off this sort of 'quiet revolution' before

Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, is the insider's insider. In principle, his long UN service gives him advantages. He knows, or should know, where the bodies are buried, where to expect most resistance to change and how best to circumvent opposition. The concomitant risk is of a "realism" that inhibits the imaginative reordering of priorities and methods that the UN needs. In the package of reforms Mr Annan has just unveiled, caution is too much in evidence.

Despite some real progress on management — most of which had already been put in train by the UN Secretariat's able ex-Price Waterhouse executive, Joseph Connor — Mr Annan's "quiet revolution" goes little further than institutional tinkering. Still more depressingly, some of his main proposals — such as an "integrated development assistance framework", or unified UN offices at country level — have already been tried, in the "restructuring exercise" of 1977. They failed then to make the UN more effective, for reasons that still obtain.

Since the late 1940s, reforms have washed the UN as regularly as high tides — only to pile yet more debris onto its crowded beach. This is because each reform, guided by an obsession with "co-ordination", succeeded only in further complicating the bureaucratic machinery. UN organisations remain as "fragmented, duplicative, rigid, in some areas ineffective, in others superfluous" as Mr Annan complains. But the answer is not co-ordination. The UN is not a unified system and, apart from humanitarian emergencies where Mr Annan's co-ordinating zeal mysteriously falters, it is wasted effort to try to force it to act like one.

Because Mr Annan, who should know better, appears to share this misguided obsession, he has missed a valuable opportunity to strike a genuinely modern note. The UN needs to develop a culture of excellence in order to prosper in a competitive world. Mr Annan is on the right track in demanding that UN programmes should be judged by what they actually accomplish — something that is, and should not be, a novelty. But he seems not to recognise that the considerable autonomy enjoyed by its component organisations should be seen as an asset, freeing the best of them to innovate.

If the UN is to meet the demands of 21st-century global management, it faces a colossal task of adaptation. Even in its role as a forum to safeguard peace and the rule of law, act as a clearing-house for ideas and expand "the elements of common ground" between nations, the UN has a gap to bridge between the fossilised rhetoric of its debates and the pragmatic incrementalism of the world outside. It needs to recognise the utility of sub-universal approaches to problems, and to work with wider constituencies.

When it comes to the "practical" mandates which consume most UN funds, its managers must learn the language of competition. In a world where the UN has long ceased to be a monopoly global provider, its various units will attract funds and political support only for indispensable functions, and only when they do things better than other bodies — inside and outside government.

The pity is that Mr Annan is aware of all this. He understands the important distinction between mere administrative efficiency — which could mean no more than a leaner version of what the UN has been doing for decades — and more effective provision of services that are genuinely in demand. He accepts that modern policymaking operates in a context that "puts a premium on agility and flexibility". He talks about focusing the UN on "those activities that it does better than others" — although he has not suggested shedding even the most obviously "superfluous" UN baggage. He wants to put the UN more in touch with business, voluntary agencies and other actors. But he also wants to do all this without making waves.

Western governments must take up the baton where Mr Annan has dropped it. They should learn from the Danes, who are already putting into practice genuinely radical ideas. It is no good waiting for the US, hobbled as it is by the prejudices of an exceptionally uninformed Congress. Mr Annan's heart may be in the right place. But the lesson of this week is that nothing will come of good intentions unless he finds forceful and influential allies.

AN AGE-OLD PROBLEM

The universal state pension should not be immune from reform

Pensions are as unrewarding for politicians as they can be to elderly people in retirement. Action taken now will not be appreciated for 20, 30 or 40 years, certainly too far in the future for today's politicians to be thanked. Yet any extra cost in the meantime is borne by taxpayers, employees and employers, who may not be grateful to be forced to save. So it is encouraging that the Government is turning its mind to such a problem.

In announcing their review of pensions, ministers are emphasising the one possibly vote-winning aspect of their plans. They want to find ways to ensure that a smaller proportion of pension contributions is eaten up in charges. Value for money, along with flexibility, affordability and security, is critical for potential pension-holders. The lack of it has deterred millions of employees from providing for their own retirement.

Even though Britain has more second pensions than any other European country, still 40 per cent of adults of working age plan to rely on state provision alone. Some, such as housewives, carers and the unemployed, have had nothing to contribute to a second pension. But there is a large tranche of low-paid workers who find that nearly all their payments would be eaten up by costs.

Labour's plans for "stakeholder" pensions address the cost issue quite effectively. If employers or friendly societies or trade unions banded together to offer a pension to a large group of employees, they would have lower marketing and administrative costs than personalised pensions, and they might be able to reduce regulatory costs too if they could win blanket approval for their product from the relevant authorities.

Moreover, they would be able to exert more competitive pressure on the investing institutions than any individual could. At the moment someone in a personal pension, once signed up, is in no position to exercise any continuing pressure on costs. But a stakeholder scheme, like an occupational scheme, can threaten to move its entire business to another fund manager if it believes that charges are too high.

More problematic are Labour's plans for a "citizenship" pension, aimed at those who spend their lives caring for children or elderly dependants. Should their husbands be allowed to pay into a pension for them, or would that benefit only rich housewives? Should they earn a credit for their unpaid work, to be put into a pension? That reward their contribution to the economy, but could be expensive for the taxpayer.

The question that Labour has not publicly addressed is that of the basic state pension. As pensioners become richer and live longer, the argument for paying the same rate to everybody has become ever thinner. The Tories recognised this before the election, and suffered for their sense: Labour attacked their "Basic Pension Plus" scheme with a dishonesty unsurpassed in the campaign.

But the rationale behind it remains. For many people with a second pension, the state contribution is only a small proportion of their income in retirement. Yet it is a huge cost to the public purse: £30 billion a year currently, and set to rise. Labour's manifesto promised only to retain the "basic state pension". The critical word "universal" did not precede it. In other words, the Government could decide to means-test the pension some time in the future, thus concentrating help on those who need it most. Tony Blair promised to think the unthinkable on social security. This would be a good place to start.

SHARON THE SHARK

Humans are more of a threat to sharks than they are to humans

In 1975 *Jaws* set the hearts of its audiences thumping to its theme tune: A piscine serial killer had been born — and with it a host of ever more improbable sequences. Box offices enjoyed a feeding-frenzy, while the man-eating monster finned through its films, hoovering up holidaymakers as it went.

Now research from the University of California suggests that the film-makers' facts are as false as their rubber fishes. Scientific experiments show that the great white shark is a fastidious eater. The peckish predator finds human snacks about as appetising as stale Ryvita. It prefers the fat-rich flesh of seals to bathing beach babes.

While we enjoy a mammalian complicity with the dolphin or whale, the shark is ostracised and misunderstood. The great white is one of the most mysterious creatures in the ocean. Survivor of more than 400 million years of evolution, it has eluded — or utterly ignored — human efforts to understand it. Imprisoned in an aquarium, it almost immediately dies. Some suspect that it may be one of the few creatures which we can never know. Yet, at the apex of the ocean food chain, it plays a vital role. Biologists suspect that the entire marine ecosystem would be unbalanced by its loss.

Big game fishers have pursued the great white towards the margins of extinction. Fortunately it has now been listed as an endangered species in South Africa and Australia. We have become more of a threat to this species than it is to us. Far more sharks are killed daily to supply fin soup to Chinese restaurants than people are attacked in a year.

Of course there are areas where surfers and divers run a real risk. A species such as the great white is known to "mouth" its prey before eating it: to catch it between its jaws to test it for palatability. Its serrated teeth are so sharp that even this is enough to sever tendons and bone. But technology is tackling this. The Protective Oceanic Device has recently been pioneered. It safeguards swimmers by encircling them with an electric field that even potentially lethal sharks appear unwilling to enter. Similar technology is being developed to fence off bathing beaches.

In the 19th century, Herman Melville saw the whale as a lethal leviathan. Now it is a Hollywood hero. Last year, children all over the world were sobbing at the plight of the poor imprisoned Willie. Now it is time for Sharon the Shark to take her starring role.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Changing climate on education

From Sir Claus Moser, FBA

Sir, I was glad that yesterday's leading article questioned the latest proposals emanating from Ofsted for grading teachers. My concern also relates to the wider issue.

One of the welcome aspects of the Government's education policies is a positive and encouraging attitude to the teaching profession. This has been evident in speeches by Mr Blair and Mr Blunkett and emerges in the Government's White Paper on schools. The promised establishment of a General Teaching Council, proposed by the National Commission on Education, is particularly good news.

None of this means tolerating poor teachers or teaching. But it does mean putting such inadequacies in proportion. The emphasis in public statements and policies needs to be on the majority of teachers who do an excellent job, often under difficult financial circumstances and who deserve encouragement and support.

Mr Chris Woodhead, Chief Inspector of Schools, is well known for his critical comments on teachers. I had hoped that with a change in governmental emphasis he too might begin to focus on the positive side of the profession. This does not seem to be the case: the heading of your report (July 16) on his latest proposals was "Woodhead orders inspectors to write tougher reports on teachers".

The approach as well as quality of the inspectorate is a cause for worry. Its future, as well as that of the teaching profession, merits government attention.

Yours sincerely,
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From the Minister of State at the Department for Education and Employment

Sir, Your critics of our White Paper, *Excellence in Schools* (letters, July 14), come from different perspectives, but they all fail to acknowledge the real problems facing our schools today. The fact that some four in ten 11-year-olds are not able to reach the expected level in English or maths is a failure of the last Government, which both Lord Skidelsky and Katie Ivens supported. Its obsession with structural change in some schools led it to ignore the very real deficiencies of the rest.

It is odd that Lord Skidelsky attacks us for an "extension of state control" over schools, while Mrs Ivens maintains that we want to ensure that "little happens in schools except on the say-so of LEAs". Neither is the case. The model we present is one of targets — for which schools have the primary responsibility. However, it is not sufficient to assume that all schools will set sufficiently demanding targets. That is where both Ofsted inspections and the new local education authority (which no longer controls schools) come in. But, our guiding principle is that intervention is in inverse proportion to success, so we seek to tackle failure and mediocrity and not to interfere with good schools.

Dr Jean Lawrence wrongly fears that setting (grouping within subjects according to ability) will stigmatise children. Setting operates in many schools already, and it succeeds in recognising the differing strengths and weaknesses of young people. However, it is undoubtedly the case that poorly taught mixed ability classes have failed many children — and it is right to recognise that fact.

Our White Paper offers a systematic approach to educational standards, in which everyone has a clear role. For the first time in generations it offers all our young people the opportunity to succeed and to fulfil their potential. That it why it has been so widely welcomed.

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From Professor Ivor Goodson

Sir, Whilst Lord Skidelsky raises some excellent questions about expanding state control of education, he asks whether good education for all should not "arise as a by-product of choice and competition". Apart from the fact that "by-products" might be a somewhat indirect route to national educational uplift, in general, choice and competition in the free market respond to the demands and commands of money — the more money, the more choices.

Since rich people tend to have more money than poor people, this strategy for providing good education for all seems a bit dodgy. Choice and competition might end up offering not good education for all, but good education for those with money and something different for the others.

The experiment in choice and competition and a free market in schooling was tried by the Tory Government. In the event it definitively failed to produce good education for all.

Yours sincerely,
IVOR GOODSON,
University of East Anglia,
School of Education and
Professional Development,
Norwich NR4 7TJ.
July 15.

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Synod debate on homosexual priests

From the Bishop of Oxford

Sir, I must challenge the inference drawn in your front-page report today that the Archbishop of Canterbury "paved the way" at yesterday's meeting of the General Synod for the ordination of practising homosexuals as Church of England priests.

If the Lambeth Conference decides next year to set up a commission drawn from the worldwide Anglican Communion, it would be concerned with issues of human sexuality in general, including, for instance, polygamy and cohabitation as well as homosexuality.

There can be no presumption about whether it would make specific recommendations on a question such as the ordination of practising homosexuals or, if so, whether such recommendations would reaffirm or question the traditional mind and discipline of the Church.

Yours sincerely,
†RICHARD OXON:,
Diocesan Church House, Oxford.
July 15.

From Mr Robert Leach

Sir, I cannot agree that the Church of England General Synod has given a "boost for gay priests" — at least not intentionally.

The wording of Archdeacon David Gerrard's motion, which led to the debate, said that a 1991 bishops' report on homosexuality was "not the last word on the subject". What I took him to mean by those words was simply that more could be added. The gay lobby took these words to mean that the conclusions of the 1991 report could be reversed.

Many of us in synod foresaw that this could happen. Mr Geoff Locke, leader of the synod's Evangelical Group, and the Reverend Stephen Trott of the Catholic Group, each proposed amendments which would have removed this ambiguity.

The House of Bishops decided that it must control synodical statements on such matters. Rather than seek the necessary changes to synod rules, it decided on principle to block all amendments. This meant that the Archbishop of Canterbury voted against a commendation of his own words!

What should concern ordinary churchgoers is not that the policy on homosexuality has changed — it has not — but that we have a House of Bishops which plots against its own synod and lacks the wisdom to see how its actions will be interpreted.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT LEACH
(Lay member, General Synod),
19 Chestnut Avenue, Epsom, Surrey.
July 16.

From the Reverend Tony Ward

Sir, For William Rees-Mogg to say that a clergyman enjoying "a love nest with a quiet woman in Woking . . . is no business of . . . his parishioners and bishop" ("Life, liberty and the hunt for happiness", July 14) is comparable to suggesting that if an MP is selling military secrets to an enemy it is no business of the Prime Minister or electors. Either would constitute a betrayal of trust and a loss of integrity, and perpetuate the seductive but dangerous premise that the sin lies in being found out.

Yours sincerely,
TONY WARD,
St Andrew's Vicarage,
16 Duke Road, Gorleston,
Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.
July 15.

Flower arrangers close the cathedral

From the Dean of Ely

Sir, Last week Ely Cathedral hosted a spectacular flower festival, opened by Princess Margaret, which attracted over 20,000 visitors. It provided a splendid example of our partnership with the local community, as well as an opportunity to present the Christian Gospel through the festival theme "The Power and the Glory".

Lady Bannerman's statement (letter, July 16) that one of the cathedral clergy told her in conversation that the dean and chapter "own" the cathedral and have the right to close it to the public must not be taken out of context. While legally correct, the whole ethos at Ely is a close partnership with the diocese, the county and our many visitors.

Throughout the festival daily worship continued with inspiring services in our glorious Lady Chapel. I am sorry that Lady Bannerman was not able to tour the cathedral on her visit, but with 400 flower arrangers working all over the building, some on high-level scaffolding, health and safety precautions forced us to close it to visitors during the final stages of the preparations. This is a rare occurrence and the dean and chapter regret any inconvenience caused.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HIGGINS,
The Deanery,
The College, Ely, Cambridgeshire.
July 16.

From Mrs Catherine Bridges

Sir, Lady Bannerman objects to the closure of Ely Cathedral during the preparations for the recent flower festival. But during the festival this most glorious medieval place of worship was open to thousands of visitors who came to marvel at the spectacular array of imaginative and colourful flower displays.

No doubt some just came to see the flowers without much thought of religious worship. But how wonderful that so many *more* people visited our city's glorious cathedral.

"Thank you" to all those who worked so hard to make the event such a success.

Yours faithfully,
CATHERINE BRIDGES,
61 Arundell, Ely, Cambridgeshire.
July 17.

From Dr David N. King

Sir, Lady Bannerman was understandably distressed to find Ely Cathedral closed for worship and prayer for five days owing to a flower festival. In comparison, I was fortunate that on my last visit about five years ago it was open. However, the atmosphere was little better as one aisle was converted into a café (which I understand is still there) and the entire building was filled with the sound of raucous laughter and chinking teacups.

Lady Bannerman wonders if she should have thrown the money changers out of the temple. I would suggest that a building whose northwestern turrets collapsed in the 14th century and still await replacement has perhaps ceased looking upwards to heaven and may hardly count as a temple.

I have long hoped that the dean and chapter would restore these turrets and so recreate one of the finest west fronts in Gothic architecture. There would be few finer acts of restoration to mark the new millennium.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID KING,
14 Greenhaugh Way,
Braco, Dunblane, Perthshire.

Swimming pool bids

From the Chief Executive of the English Sports Council

Sir, Your leading article today, "Sporting amateurs", could give rise to the misconception that Mr Hamilton Bland, who is not and has never been a member of or adviser to this council's award panel, had some direct influence over Lottery Sports Fund decisions.

We have rigorous procedures for assessing Lottery Sports Fund applications and take advice from a wide range of people — including sports governing bodies, local authorities, our own internal advisers and independent experts — before making an award. In the case of swimming pools, the advice from the Amateur Swimming Association is taken into account, but is only one element in a robust, thorough selection process.

We are determined to continue to pursue these procedures to ensure that public money is spent in the right way.

Yours etc,
DEREK CASEY, Chief Executive,
English Sports Council,
16 Upper Woburn Place, WC1.
July 14.

From Mr Nick Gillingham

Sir, The artwork illustrating your commendable investigation of Hamilton Bland's business dealings points out that he was my "former agent".

It is true that he acted for me as an agent/manager before and during the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. However, this was on an ad hoc basis, and no money passed to Mr Bland through either my sponsors or business associates.

Yours sincerely,
NICK GILLINGHAM (World 200m breaststroke champion, 1993),
8 Old Langley Hall,
Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

As old as you feel

From Mrs Peter Halliwell

Sir, I understood that middle-age (letter, July 12) was that period of life when parents and children caused equal amounts of worry.

Yours faithfully
ROMY HALLIWELL,
2 Southend Close
Hursley, Winchester, Hampshire.

From Mr Harry Whitham

Sir, As a middle-aged 65-year-old, I believe the definition of middle-aged given in *Chambers* dictionary — "between youth and old age, variously reckoned to suit the reckoner" — to be the most accurate.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY WHITHAM,
19 Woodkirk Avenue,
Tingley, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.
harry@hwhitham.demon.co.uk
July 12.

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Legislative role of House of Lords

From Professor Emeritus Leonard Tivey

Sir, Peter Riddell's call today for more constitutional discussion is very welcome. In particular, the remarks of Mr Robert Hazell (who ran the Constitution Unit in its two-year life) quoted by Mr Riddell about the reform of the House of Lords are much to the point.

Almost any reform of the Lords will strengthen its prestige and hence its political influence, and governments will have to respect its amendments. It is therefore necessary first (as Mr Hazell says) to consider what it should actually do in the process of legislation and in the scrutiny of governmental activities, before deciding on this chamber's composition and the future of hereditary peers (letters, July 15).

If the Commons devotes more time and resources to the examination of Bills at the committee stage, as it surely must, then there is a case for transferring some of the work of administrative scrutiny — of executive agencies, quangos and regulators, for example — to a reformed second chamber.

It is right to call attention to the defects of composition, in the old Labour and old Liberal manner, but at present the Lords provide the major under-used resource of the constitution, and debate about its role should take priority.

Yours faithfully,
LEONARD TIVEY
(Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Birmingham),
726 Shirley Road,
Hall Green, Birmingham.
July 15.

From Lord Kilbracken

Sir, As a Labour hereditary peer, I feel somewhat nonplussed after reading the letter from Lord Campbell of Alloway. If it is being proposed that Tory hereditaries should be abstaining from divisions, it follows that I should be doing likewise, since precisely the same principle is involved. However this hasn't been suggested.

If, on the other hand, it is the view that Tories should be extremely discrete and vote only if there is no risk whatever of bringing about a government defeat, they have a problem since they cannot be sure, apparently, how many Labour peers will stay on to vote, nor how many of their own party will be present and not abstaining.

As to Professor Cannon's letter, it is ludicrous to write of the amendment as indicating a decision to "block devolution legislation" when, as is shown by Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish in the adjoining column, it would merely mean a minor change in the voting procedure at the referendums.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KILBRACKEN,
House of Lords.

Pay as you learn

From Mr Tim Rawling

Sir, I was interested to read the proposal for a National Scholarship Fund paid for by the National Lottery (Dr Clayton's letter, July 16) — certainly an innovative idea. As a further suggestion, perhaps it could also award grants to fund the living expenses of poorer students throughout their time at university. We could call it the "Student Grant".

Yours faithfully,
TIM RAWLING,
Maxwell House, Maxwell Road,
Ilkley West, Yorkshire.
t.rawling@cheerful.com

Thames salmon

From Colonel A. H. N. Reade

Sir, The account of salmon returning to the Medway and other rivers (report, July 11) does not mention the remarkable work being carried out by the Thames Salmon Trust.

Over the past 11 years, with the aid of generous sponsorship, the Trust has built 21 salmon passes at locks on the Thames. The 22nd will be completed shortly, so giving fish a clear run from the tideway to the upper reaches of the river. The next stage is to build passes on the tributaries and to clear and improve the gravel beds so essential for spawning.

There is now a steady and gradually increasing number of fish annually returning up the Thames and every hope that eventually this great river will once again support a naturally self-sustaining stock.

I shall never catch a fresh-run Thames salmon but am confident that my grandson will.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. N. READE,
The Old Post House,
Ipsden, Wallingford, Oxfordshire.
July 12.

Course language

From Mrs Véronique Seligman

Sir, If Mr Des Taylor had to delete his expletives (report, July 12) for fear of offending a woman fishing on the same riverbank, he was fishing too close to her.

Yours sincerely,
VERONIQUE SELIGMAN
(As from the Test at Timsbury),
28 Cheyne Row, SW3.
July 13.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 17: His Excellency Dr Pedro L. Padilla Tonos was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Dominican Republic to the Court of St James's.

Señora de Padilla was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

Major General Evelyn Webb-Carter was received by The Queen upon his appointment as Major General Commanding the Household Division.

The following were received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon their appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassadors: Mr Stephen Brown (the Republic of Korea), Mr John Durham (Mongolia), Mr David MacLennan (the Lebanese Republic), Mr William Marsden (the Argentine Republic) and Mr Roger Thomas (the Republic of Azerbaijan).

Mrs Brown, Mrs Durham, Mrs MacLennan, Mrs Marsden and Mrs Thomas were also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Alan Hunt was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of Singapore.

Mrs Hunt was also received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of York, The Duke of Kent, Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were present.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

The Bands of the Coldstream Guards and the Royal Logistic Corps played selections of music during the afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder and Chairman of the Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, today attended a World Fellowship Luncheon at Stornaway House, Cleveland Row, London SW1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 17: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, this morning received Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Malkin upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer 10th (Volunteer) Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Simon Barry upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, later held a seminar with business leaders who had attended the Spring 1997 "Seeing is Believing" programme.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens, this afternoon gave a Reception.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 17: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Royal Ballet, was present this evening at a performance by the Royal Ballet School at Holland Park Open Air Theatre, London W8.

July 17: The Duke of Gloucester today visited the East of England Agricultural Society Show, Peterborough, and was received by Mr Hugh Duberly (Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire).

His Royal Highness, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, took the Salute at this evening's performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London SW5.

YORK HOUSE
July 17: The Duchess of Kent, Chancellor, this afternoon presided at the honorary degree ceremonies at the University of Leeds, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new stadium at Derby County Football Club at 10.10; she will open the resource centre at the Royal School for the Deaf at 10.45; will open the new Derbyshire Children's Hospital at 11.20; and accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Sir Henry Royce Centre at 12.10; and visit Hardwick Hall at 2.25.

Later, the Queen will open new offices for the District of Bolsover at 3.40.

The Duke of Edinburgh, will visit Rolls Royce at 10.45. Later, as Patron, will visit the Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club, 1 Windsor Crescent, Bridlington, at 5.00.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit RAF Manston, Kent, and will unveil the Thanet Allied Aircrew Memorial Statue at 3.45.

Princess Margaret, as President, the Guide Association, will attend the Broneirion Golden Celebration at the Guides Cymru Training Centre, Llandinam, Powys, at 3.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will present the Construction Industry Training Board's prize at the Civil Engineering College, Bircham Newton, King's Lynn, Norfolk, at 11.30.

The Duchess of Kent will take the salute at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court at 1.45.

Princess Alexandra, as President, will attend the celebration of the tenth anniversary of St Matthew's Children's Fund for Ethiopia at St Alban the Martyr, Brook Street, London EC1 at 3.00; and will take the salute at the evening performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 7.15.

Luncheon

Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
Mr Geoffrey Finn, Master of the Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, presided at a livery luncheon held yesterday at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Mr Mark Goyder and Mr Peter J. Herring also spoke. The Private Secretary to The Queen, the Masters of the Barbers' and the Information Technologists' Companies, the Master of the Guild of Management Consultants, the Commissioner of the City of London Police and Professor Mark Casson.

Memorial service

Lord Todd, OM, FRS

The Queen was represented by Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, FRS, and the Duke of Edinburgh by Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, FRS, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Todd, OM, FRS, held on Wednesday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Canon Donald Gray officiated. The Hon Hilary Todd, daughter, and Lord Butterfield, President of the Croucher Foundation, read the lessons. Dr the Hon Alexander Todd, son, read from his father's anniversary address to the Royal Society in November 1978. Sir John Mason, FRS, gave an address.

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Irvine of Lairg attended. The Ambassador of Japan was represented by Mr Sadaaki Numata. Among others present were:

Dr and the Hon Mrs P E Brown (son-in-law and daughter), the Hon Mrs Alexander Todd (daughter-in-law), Miss A J Brown, Mr and Mrs M P L Brown and Dr R P A Brown (grandchildren).

The Earl of Selborne, FRS, the Right Rev Dr David Say, KCVO, Lord and Lady Butterworth, Lord Dainton, FRS, Baroness David, Lord Lewis of Newnham, FRS, and Lady Lewis, Lord Phillips of Ellesmere, FRS, Lady Porter of Luddenham, Lord Remnant, Lord Robertson of Oakridge, Lord Tombs (Chancellor, Strathclyde University) with Professor John Arbuthnott (Principal) and Dr Elinor Arbuthnott and Professor J N Sherwood; Lady Trend, Baroness Trumpington, Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP.

Sir Aaron Klug, OM, FRS (president, Royal Society) with Sir John Horlock, FRS (treasurer), Professor R B Heap, FRS, Mr Stephen Cox, Ms Mary Nixon, Miss Diana Chapman and other members of the society.

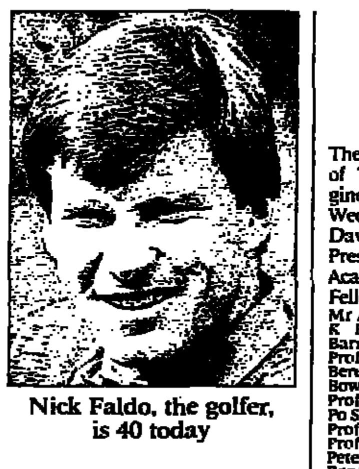
Professor Sir Geoffrey Allen, Sir Jack Baldwin, FRS and Lady Baldwin, Sir David and Lady Barnes, Dame Josephine Barnes, Professor Sir Alan Battersby, FRS, Professor Sir John Cadogan, FRS (Office of Science and Technology), Sir Geoffrey and Lady Cass, Sir Alcon Copisarow, Sir John Cornforth, FRS, and Lady Cornforth, Sir George Edwards, OM, FRS, Professor Sir Anthony Epstein, FRS, Sir Edward Ford (representing the Order of Merit), Sir William Henderson, FRS, Professor Sir Graham Hills, Sir Ewart Jones, FRS, and Lady Jones, Sir Hans and Lady Kornberg, Sir John and Lady Maddox, Lady (David) Martin, Lady (John) Mason, Dame Rosemary Murray, Sir James Nursaw, Professor Sir Philip Randle, FRS (Biochemical Society), Sir Patrick Reilly, Lady Ride, Sir John Meurig Thomas, FRS (Master, Peterhouse, Cambridge), Professor Sir Frederick Warner, FRS, Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme.

Professor P Allen, FRS, Mr and Mrs S E Alleyne, Professor Norman Ashton, FRS, Miss Kay Batchelor, Professor B B Boycott, FRS, Dr Daniel Brown, FRS, Mrs Susan Brownell, Professor D K Burke, Professor K Burton, FRS, and Mrs Burton, Mr Alan Campbell-Johnson, Mr and Mrs John Chapman, Dr David Clough, Mr and Mrs J R Cope, Mr D J M Corbett, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Robert de Stacpoole, Professor Carl Djerassi, Mr and Mrs A R Gilson, Professor P Gray, FRS, Professor N N Greenwood, FRS, Professor Beverly Griffin.

Mrs Cecil Hackett, Dr and Mrs Y K Hamied, Professor Jeffrey B Harborne, FRS, Dr J E Harris, FRS, Dr Cedric Hassall, FRS, Dr Alan Hayes, Mr Paul D G Hayter, Professor R F Hudson, FRS, Mr D I R Jones, Dr R W J Keay, Dr Peter King, Mr Michael Lord, MP, Mr Robert Malpas, the Rev G R D Manley, Mrs F G Mann, Dr D H Marrian, Mr and Mrs Michael Noakes, Ms Catherine Oriel, Mr T R Prigorowsky, Professor C B Reese, FRS, and Mrs Reese, Mrs B M Rosswick, Dr Ruth Sanger, FRS, Dr David Sharp, Professor Brian Thrush, FRS, Mr A R Todd, Mrs A R Whittaker, Dr John Wren, Mr C R Wrigley.

Mr Raymond Holland (chairman of council, Society of Chemical Industry) with Mr Richard Denyer, Professor Ian Morton, Miss Rosemarie Wood and other members of the society; Professor J D Bone (Vice-Principal, Glasgow University), Dr Alan Munro (Master, Christ's College, Cambridge) and Mrs Munro, Mr Peter Briffs (British Association for the Advancement of Science), Dr Derek Chadwick (Ciba Foundation), Mr I MacCallum (Croucher Foundation).

Mr Anthony Tomei and Mr Richard Marshall (Nuffield Foundation), Professor Charles Rees, FRS, (Royal Society of Chemistry) and Mrs Rees with Dr John Gibson; Professor Hubert Curien (Academia Europaea), Mr David Gilkes (Chinese University of Hong Kong) and Mrs Gilkes, Mr Leslie Stell (Master, Salters' Company) and Mrs Stell with other members of the company; Dr Klaus Wild (German Embassy), Mr A K Wilson (Cambridge University Press) and many other friends and former colleagues.



Nick Faldo, the golfer, is 40 today

The Royal Academy of Engineering

The 21st Annual General Meeting of The Royal Academy of Engineering was held in London on Wednesday, July 16, 1997. Sir David Davies, CBE, FEng, FRS, President, was in the chair. The Academy elected the following Fellows:

Mr Alexander A Anderson, Mr John K Banyard, Professor Howard A Barnes, Professor Peter W Bearman, Professor Thomas Bell, Mr Robert Beresford, CBE, Professor David K Bowen, Dr David J Buchanan, Professor Ching C Chan, Professor Po S Chung, Professor Ian D Cluckie, Professor Robert J Crawford, Professor J Michael Davies, Professor Peter Deasley, Mr Joseph A Dwyer, Professor William Eccleston, Professor Roger A Falconer, Dr Edwin B Farmer, CBE, Mr Edward P Gallagher, Mr Philip N Goddard, Dr David Grant, CBE, Professor Peter M Grant, Professor Hugh D Griffiths, Professor Michael Hoare, Mr Edmund Hollinghurst, Professor John A Howell, Professor Philip Hutchinson, Mrs Joanna Kennedy, OBE, Dr Julia E King, Professor Anthony J Kinloch, Professor Ashok K Kochhar, Professor Roland W Lewis, Professor David J Limebeer, Ms Susan M Lyons, Eur Ing James McKnight, Professor Kenneth K Morgan, Mr Richard Parry-Jones, Mr Robert D Reith, Mr Anthony D Roche, Professor Robert M Thorogood, Mr Derek Tuddenham, Mr Ian A Vance, MBE, Mr Alan H Vincent, Professor William A Wakeham, Dr Keith D Ward.

The following were elected Foreign Members: Dr Joel Birnbaum (USA), Dr João Pinheiro (Portugal), Dr Leo Young (USA).

The following were elected Honorary Fellows: Sir Ernest Harrison, OBE, Sir Michael Latham, DL, Lord Wolfson of Marylebone in the City of Westminster.

Birthdays today

Mr Kenneth Armitage, sculptor, 81; Lady Bingley, social worker, 72; Mr Edward Bond, playwright and director, 63; Mr Richard Branson, chairman, Virgin Group, 47; Mr C.D. Daykin, Government Actuary, 49; Mr G.H.G. Doggart, former Headmaster, King's School, Bruton, 72; Viscount Esher, 84; Mr John Fraser, former chairman, Ciba UK Group, 66; Senator John Glenn, former astronaut, 76; Lord Daresbury, 44; Mr David Hemery, athlete, 53; Miss Elizabeth Jennings, author, 71; Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, 82; Mr Denis Lillee, cricketer, 48; Mr Nelson Mandela, OM, President of South Africa, 79; Mr Anthony Miles, publisher, 67; Mr Richard Pasco, actor, 71; Sir Robert Speed, QC, former Counsel to the Speaker, 92; Dr G. M. Stephen, High Master, Manchester Grammar School, 48; Sir Jamie Stormonth Darling, former director, National Trust for Scotland, 79; Mr Jim Watt, former boxer, 49; Dr B.C.L. Weedon, FRS, former Vice-Chancellor, Nottingham University, 74; Mr Yevgeny Yevtushenko, poet, 64.

University of Kent Congregations

Congregations for the award of degrees to students of the University of Kent at Canterbury were held on July 15 and 16, 1997, in Canterbury Cathedral. Sir Crispin Tickell, Chancellor, presided. Degrees were awarded to:

Michel Rocard, DCL; Peter Williams, DCL; Eddy Fung, DCL; The Lady Soames, DLitt; Professor Lewis Elton, DLitt.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Hooke, physicist, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, 1635; Gilbert White, clergyman and naturalist, Selborne, Hampshire, 1720; William Makepeace Thackeray, Calcutta, 1811; W.G. Grace, cricketer, Downend, Gloucestershire, 1848; Philip Snowden, Viscount Snowden, statesman, Ickornshaw, Yorkshire, 1864.

DEATHS: Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, painter, Port Ercole, Italy, 1610; Antonio Vieira, Jesuit missionary, Salvador, Brazil, 1697; Jean-Antoine Watteau, painter, Nogent-sur-Marne, 1721; Jane Austen, novelist, Winchester, 1817; Benito Juarez, President of Mexico 1861-72, Mexico City, 1872; Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, Dean of Westminster 1864-81, London, 1881; Thomas Cook, travel agent pioneer, Leicester, 1892; Don Carlos, pretender to the Spanish throne, Varese, Italy, 1909; Hermann Adler, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire 1891-1911, London, 1911; Thomas Sturge Moore, art historian and poet, Windsor, 1944; Corneille Heymans, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1938, Knokke, Belgium, 1968; Jack Hawkins, actor, London, 1973.

The Vatican Council promulgated the Dogma of Papal Infallibility, 1870.

The Cenotaph in Whitehall, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, was unveiled, 1920.

The Spanish Civil War began, 1936.

Disneyland opened near Anaheim, California, 1955.

Dinners

HM Government
Mr George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a dinner given last night by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Hans Haekkerup, the Danish Minister for Defence.

Fruiterers' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the summer court dinner of the Fruiterers' Company held last night at Leeds Castle, Kent. Mr Derek Tullett, Master, presided, assisted by the Wardens. M Albert Roux also spoke.

The London Institute

At Westminster Central Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, July 16 and 17, the London Institute conferred academic awards on 1,800 successful students from its constituent colleges — Camberwell College of Arts, Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, Chelsea College of Art and Design, London College of Fashion, London College of Printing and Distributive Trades. The awards were conferred by Mr Julian E. Markham, Chairman of the Institute's Court of Governors.

Appointment

Judge Paul Collins to be Director of Studies at the Judicial Studies Board in succession to Judge Christopher Pitchers.

Service reunion

Imperial Indian Services
The Imperial Indian Services held their final Tamasha at Portsmouth Guildhall yesterday. Members of the Indian Civil and Political Services, the Police, the Navy and the Army commemorated all those who had ever served in India pre-1947 and marked the 50th anniversary of the cessation of those services.

School news

The Royal School, Haslemere
The Governors of The Royal School, Haslemere, announce the appointment of Miss Linda Inniss, BA (Hons), PGCE, MA (Ed), to the post of Headmistress. Miss Inniss is currently Deputy Head (Pastoral) at Roedean School. She will take up her position at The Royal School on January 1, 1998.

St Mary's School, Shaftesbury
The Governors of St Mary's School, Shaftesbury, have appointed Mrs Susan Pennington as Head from August 1, 1998, in succession to Sister Campion Livesey, IBVM.

Cutlers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Cutlers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr C.J. Osborn-Jones; Senior Warden, Mr P. Watts; Junior Warden, Mr C.M.Ll. Evans.

Plaisterers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Plaisterers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr R.E. Faulkner; Upper Warden, Mr E.J. Pilgrim; Renter Warden, Mr N.J. Carr; Deputy Master, Mr R.B. Lincoln.

Actuaries' Company

The following have been installed as officers of the Actuaries' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr C.R.C. Hawkes; Senior Warden, Mr A.S. Fishman; Junior Warden, Mr S.J. Green.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.E.H. Bidwell and Miss C.R. Kulatunga
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Sir Hugh and Lady Bidwell, of Goodnestone, Kent, and Claudia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Vijit Kulatunga, of Purley, Surrey.

Mr P.R. Brockman and Miss J.J. Garfit
The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Brockman, of Chartham, Kent, and Jacquelyn (Jackie), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Garfit, of Harlton, Cambridgeshire.

Mr R.A.C. Buckland and Miss C. Worsfold
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.F.W. Buckland, of Monmouth, Wales, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Worsfold, of Alton, Hampshire.

Mr R.A. Buxton and Miss A-L. Reilly
The engagement is announced between Richard Antony, twin son of Mr Christopher Buxton and Mrs Hugh Maitland-Jones, and Anna-Louise, youngest daughter of Mrs Brian Reilly and the late Mr Brian Reilly, of Henley-on-Thames.

Dr D.P. Forward and Dr S.V.F. Wallace
The engagement is announced between Daren, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Forward, of Basildon, Essex, and Suzanne, daughter of Professor and Mrs W. Angus Wallace, of Woodborough, Nottinghamshire.

Mr M. Griese and Miss I. Brandt
The engagement is announced between Martin Griese and Ilka Brandt, both of London.

Mr C.B.C. Hogan and Miss K.A. Wallington
The engagement is announced between Canice, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Hogan, of Woldingham, Surrey, and Katharine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Wallington, of Godalming, Surrey.

Mr J.A. Park and Miss T.A. Murray
The engagement is announced between Gus, younger son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Park, of Claygate, Surrey, and Tessa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm F. Murray, of Lower Shiplake, Oxfordshire.

Mr R.C. Phelps and Miss A.C. Stapleton
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Phelps, of Strawberry Hill, Middlesex, and Annamarie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincent Stapleton, of Bushey, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.J.S. King and Miss K.G.A. Harrington
The engagement is announced between Douglas, son of Mr Patrick King and Mrs Elizabeth King, of Milton, Southsea, and Kate, daughter of Professor J.M. Harrington, CBE, and Mrs Harrington, of Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Captain G.N.P. Taylor and Miss F.A. Shepherd
The engagement is announced between Captain Giles N.P. Taylor, Scots Guards, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs David Taylor, of Farnham, Surrey, and Frances, younger daughter of Mrs Janet Shepherd and the late Alan Shepherd, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr M.R.W. Todman and Miss J.D. Phillibrown
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Todman, of Hockley, Essex, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Phillibrown, of Great Totham, Essex.

Mr R. Whitfield and Miss A.E. Herbert
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Whitfield, of Appleton, Cheshire, and Ann Elisabeth, elder daughter of Mr D.A. and Dr J.M. Herbert, of Retford, Nottinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr J.J.K. Sheldon and Miss S. Lowry
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 12, at Donhead St Mary Parish Church, Wiltshire, of Mr Jeremy Sheldon, elder son of Sir Gervase and Lady Sheldon, to Miss Susie Lowry, elder daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Michael Lowry and the late Mrs Lowry. The Rev Thomas Curry officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Eleanor and Robert Kilby. Mr Julian Spencer was best man.

A reception was held at Pythouse, Tisbury and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr J.S. McCarron and Miss C.H. Momtchiloff
The marriage took place on Friday, June 6, at St Theresa of Avila, West Roxbury, Massachusetts, between Mr John McCarron, son of Mr and Mrs Frank McCarron, of West Roxbury, Massachusetts, and Miss Catherine Momtchiloff, daughter of Mr Ivan Momtchiloff and the late Mrs Ann Momtchiloff, and stepdaughter of Mrs Janet Momtchiloff, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, lately of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Latest wills

Iris Margaret **Freeman**, of London W2, left estate valued at £4,588,927 net.

Richard Carr **Green**, retired assurance company director, of Lower Peover, Knutsford, Cheshire, left estate valued at £2,223,367 net.
He left £5,000 to Lower Peover Church, £2,000 each to RSPB, NSPCC and National Trust; £1,000 to RNLI; £500 to British Field Sports Society and to British Association for Shooting and Conservation.

Lydia Joan **Chamberlain**, of London N6, left estate valued at £1,087,954 net.

Joan Muriel Bessemer **Clark**, of London SW3, left estate valued at £1,877,782 net.
She left £5,000 to the RNLI; £2,000 to the RNIB; £1,000 each to St Christopher's Hospice, NSPCC and Save the Children.

Sarah Elizabeth **Dodgson**, of New Milton, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,552,909 net.

Kathleen Mary **Downs**, of Hutton le Hole, Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,336,054 net.

George Armin **Goyder**, of Long Melford, Suffolk, left estate valued at £1,663,992 net.

Lily Jewett Stetson **Haselden**, of London SW10, left estate valued at £1,131,606 net.

Catherine Riley **Heys**, of Ainsworth, Bolton, Lancashire, left estate valued at £1,066,914 net.
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BIRTHS

BACKHOUSE - On July 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Henrietta (née Bale) and Peter, a daughter, Amelia Frances Katherine, a sister for Tom and Oliver.

BOSCAWEN - On July 11th to Kate and Vere, a son, Guy William, a brother for Harry and Isabella.

BROAD - On June 26th at Frimley Park, Camberley, to Jenny (née Shipsey) and Gary, a son, Elliot Thomas.

DINGEMANS - On June 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Carina (née Longbottom) and Michael, a cherished daughter, Lara Florence.

FAIRALL-WHITELEGGE - On July 2nd 1997, to Gilly and Oliver, a very healthy son, Toby, a brother for Beth.

FARMER - On 3rd July, to Fiona and William, a son, Theo Jonathan Henry, a brother to Benjamin.

GRANT - On 13th July 1997 in Nairobi to greatly mourned Vanessa (née Kingsford) and Hamish, a healthy daughter, Seiya Vanessa, a sister for Alexander.

GRAY - On July 2nd 1997, to James and Alexandra (née Maude), a son, Maximillian Oliver Arthur.

HARRISON - On June 12th 1997, to Arty (née Taylor) and Chris, a daughter, Olivia Jane, a sister for Ruari. Now back in Nairobi.

HARVEY/LEE - On July 5th 1997, to Juliet and Richard, a daughter, Erin Penelope.

HEPPENSTALL - On July 13th, in Geneva, to Ashley and Kirsty (née Ross), a son, Rory Herbert Thomas, a brother for Finlay and Jamie.

JOHNSTON - On 10th July 1997, to Juliana and Alexander, a son, Spencer, a brother for Isabella.

MARSHALL - On 16th July, to Philip and Barbara, a son, Cameron, a brother for Alasdair.

ROSE - On June 13th, to Alexandra (née Groom) and Guy, a son, Jasper George, a brother for Leo.

WEATHERSEED - On July 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Marguerite (née Jackson) and Simon, a son, Miles Hugh Alexander.

DEATHS

ARGYLE - Ruth (née Holmes) died peacefully on July 14th 1997. Dearly loved Wife of the late Martin, wonderful Mother of Ian and Malcolm, special Sister of Mary, Joy and Grace, dear Mother-in-law and treasured Grandmother 'who receives a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ'. Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 22nd July at 11.45am at St Michael's, Monkton Combe, Bath. Flowers or donations to The Gideons to G. Mannings and Sons Ltd., Oxford House, North Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5HW.

BARR - It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful death on 16th July 1997 of Helen Macdonald Barr of Toradoran, Dunblane, Scotland. The widow of William, mother to Charles and sister of Mary. Funeral Service in Falkirk Crematorium on Tuesday 22nd July at 11.30 am.

BESSEY - John de M. Passed away Ealing Hospital 13th July, 1997. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

CANNON - Pop (John Kelsey), Commander R.N. Suddenly in Bath on 14th July. Remember him as you knew him: an ardent believer in his family who will miss him greatly, intrepid aviator, holiday organiser and much more, but always fun. We will all miss him. Funeral at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, 12 noon, 31st July. There will be an interment later in the year at Lurgashall, West Sussex. Family flowers only. Donations to King Edward VII, Midhurst and RUH Charities. Contact E. Hooper & Son, (01225) 422040.

CHITTY - Elizabeth, 84, widow of Anthony, died quickly of heart failure June 30th, 1997. Her unique spirit lives on in her children, Giles and Nicholas and her grandchildren, Tristan, James, Alexandra, Luke, Brendan, Daniel and Aidan. According to her wishes, she was cremated privately on July 11th.

ESMONDE-WHITE - On 11th July 1997 after a long illness, Brigadier Denis Esmonde-White, CBE, MC. Funeral Service has already taken place.

EVERALL - Dr. John Dudley of Harley Street W1 on 17th July aged 80. Much loved father of Mark. Funeral enquiries to J.H. Kenyon (0171) 937-0757.

DAVIDSON - On July 15th 1997, peacefully at home, Winifred, aged 91 years, much loved widow of Henry. Funeral Service at St. Wystans Church, Repton, on Thursday 24th July at 2.15pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations in her memory would be gratefully received in aid of The Alzheimers Disease Society, c/o Mrs Joan Oulsnam, The Treasurer, 129, Sancroft Road, Spondon, Derby, DE21 7ES. Enquiries to G. Wathall & Son Limited. 01332 345268.

FARQUHAR - Anthony Hobart, beloved husband of Priscilla, died peacefully at Perth Royal Infirmary on July 16th 1997. Funeral Service at St Ninians Cathedral Perth at 2pm on Monday July 21st followed by burial at Caputh Cemetery. No flowers please.

GORDON - Kenneth F.R.C.S. Peacefully at home in Ipswich on July 15th 1997, aged 72 years. He will be sadly missed by his wife Doreen, children Andrew and Caroline, his family and many friends. Funeral Service at St Mary le Tower Church, Ipswich on Tuesday July 22nd at 3 pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations payable to Cancer Research may be sent to Farthing Singleton & Hastings Funeral Service, 650, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4PW.

GRANT - Vanessa (née Kingsford), tragically in childbirth on Sunday 13th July 1997 in Nairobi, adored wife of Hamish, devoted mother of the late Anna and of Alexander and newborn Seiya, much loved daughter of David and Margaret Kingsford of Goulburn, Australia, and beloved sister of Richard, Nick, Deb, Fluff and Jess. Memorial Service for Vanessa and Christening Service for Seiya to be held at 11 am at Gogar, Rungai, Kenya.

KENT - Jean Kent died on 9th July 1997 asleep at home in Ayya Anna, Cyprus, where her burial on 10th July was attended by many neighbours and friends. Born 1912 in South Island, New Zealand, she graduated at Auckland University. From 1955, she taught for 23 years in Famagusta and at Junior School, Nicosia where she was Deputy Head. Her travels in the Middle East were extensive and her hospitality at home was ever welcoming. Her kindness and enthusiasm gave comfort and encouragement to all who knew her.

LESLIE-SMITH - On July 13th aged 78 (née Davison, formerly Mullett). "D", widow of Peter and much loved mother of Ben and grandmother of Chloë and Penny. Cremation 11 am on Thursday July 24th 1997 at Putney Vale Crematorium. Donations to Macmillan Cancer Relief/flowers c/o Chelsea Funeral Directors, 260B Fulham Road, London SW10 9EL.

LEWIS - On 7th July peacefully in hospital. George Edwin aged 88. Loving husband to Rose, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. The centre forward rugby player with the heart of a lion. From the bottom of the mines to the top of the mountains to the full circle of life. Thank you for bearing me, Tracy. George Edwin's funeral took place at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond.

MAY SOMERVILLE - On 17th July, peacefully after a happy family supper, John Reginald Michael (Mick), a much loved and loving husband, father and grandfather. He also loved fishing. Funeral at St Peter's, Lamerton on Wednesday 23rd July at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

McCREADY - On Tuesday 15th July 1997, Ann, aged 84, widow of Robert McCready and much loved mother of Sarah and John, after a short illness. Inquiries: J & M Humphris, Banbury. 01295 265424.

MOSS - Stanley Howard. July 16th at home Northbridge, Australia. Beloved husband of Olive, father of Moira and Richard, loved brother of Edward (dec'd), Norah and uncle of his family.

OUSELEY - Margaret on 16th July in Plymouth peacefully in her sleep after a short illness, widow of Maurice, beloved mother of Rachel, Duncan and Bernice, mother-in-law of Susannah and Juan, granny of Daniel, Jonathan, Robert and Anna. Donations to the R.N.L.I. or the Church Army c/o J.H. Kenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, London W2 4UL.

PALEY - Benjamin H. On July 16th in New York aged 93. Beloved father of Harriet Sebag-Montefiore and adored grandpa of Jenny.

PÁLFFY - Liz, beloved and loving mother of Ali and Georgie, wife of Pista, sister of Caroline, Kate and Rose, godmother of Kristina, Nell and Nen, and a wonderful friend to so many whom she loved. Surrounded by love she died in peace, freed from pain, early on 14th July. May she be forever in joy. Funeral at Greatham, 12 noon on 24th July. Picnic after. Donations to Professor Ray Powles' Myeloma Fund at the Royal Marsden or to multiple sclerosis research. Flowers to Greatham Manor, near Pulborough, West Sussex.

RAND - Alan James died suddenly on 14th July. Will be sadly missed by his wife Patricia, family and friends. Funeral Service at Croydon Crematorium, East Chapel, Thursday 24th July at 2.30pm. No flowers please, donations to the M.S. Society.

REGAN - Nancy (née Cunliffe) dearest wife of Brigadier John Regan on 16th July 1997 peacefully in Dorset County Hospital Dorchester aged 75; after a long illness borne with great courage and fortitude. Beloved Mother of Frances, Christina, Michael and Kate. Adored by her daughter and sons-in-law and her ten grandchildren. Funeral at the Church of St Mary the Virgin Powerstock on Thursday 24th July at 2.30pm. Donations to Alzheimers Disease Society (Bridport Branch) c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 91 East Street Bridport Dorset, tel: (01308) 423726.

ROCKWELL - Curt Eric died peacefully aged 94 years, on Tuesday 15th July. Greatly loved father of Ruth, grandfather of Jennifer, Michael, Joanna, Erica and Becky, and great grandfather of Joshua. A wise guiding influence over the entire family, and the last of his generation, he will be sadly missed by us all. Funeral, Friday 18th July, 2pm Hendon Cemetery, Holders Hill Road, NW7. No flowers.

SHERSTON - Edric (William) FLAS FRICS suddenly and peacefully at Eastbury House, Sherborne, aged 85 years. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation Yeovil July 23rd. Service July 24th 2.30 pm Castleton Church, Sherborne. Enquiries W.S. Brister, tel: 01935 812647.

SPURR - Valerie. Died suddenly, but peacefully, at her home on July 12th 1997. Much loved, she will be greatly missed. Funeral at St Mary's, Swanage at 2 pm 22nd July, followed by cremation at Poole Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Enquiries (01929) 422445.

von POKORNY - Rosamund Mary (Rosamund Greenwood, actress) late of Glossop, Derbyshire, died peacefully at St Cloud Nursing Home, Callow End, Worcestershire, on 15th July 1997 aged 90 years. She was the beloved wife of the late Leo von Pokorny, mother of Thomas, mother-in-law of his wife Jean, grandmother of Diana and Timothy and great-grandmother of Matthew and Katie von Pokorny. Funeral Service to be held at St James' Church, Whittington, on Wednesday July 23rd at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation. Floral tributes (please no wreaths) to E.J. Gumery & Son, 70 Ombersley Road, Worcester, (tel: 01905 22094) or donations in lieu to The Actors' Benevolent Fund, 6 Adam Street, London WC2N 6AA.

WATTS - Valerie (née Kennard) peacefully on July 14th at Arbrook House Nursing Home, Esher, dearly loved wife of the late Peter, and also much loved by her sons Simon and Anthony, and her grandchildren Thomas, Edward, Daniel, Laura and William. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 2 pm on Friday 1st August, and afterwards at Arbrook House. Flowers, or donations to The Princess Alice Hospice, c/o Fredk. W Paine, F/D, 108 High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9QJ, tel: (01372) 464021.

WILLIAMS - Major Eric, aged 88 years, on Sunday, July 13th, 1997, tragically, following a car accident. Dearly beloved husband of the late Flora and adored father and grandfather. Thanksgiving Mass and Funeral Service at St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Alford, on Monday, July 21st, at 2.00 pm, followed by interment at Tough Churchyard. All friends welcome throughout. All enquiries to: James T. Murray & Sons, Funeral Directors, Alford. Telephone: 019755 62419 or 62336.

WORSSAM - June (Julie) peacefully at home on July 15th. Beloved daughter of Jane Soster and the late P.E.G. Sayer OBE. Deeply loved by her husband Tony, her sons and their wives, and by her grandchildren and so many friends. The funeral will be at Culbone Church on Monday, 28th July at 4.00pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations towards the Medical and Community Nursing Services for Porlock may be sent to J. & E. Hayes, F/D, Porlock, Somerset TA24 8NB (Tel: 01643 862615) from whom further details as to directions to the Church are available.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MERCHANT - Moelwyn. A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Professor The Reverend Moelwyn Merchant will be held at All Saints Church, The Parade, Leamington Spa at 2 pm Saturday 26th July 1997. It is hoped that as many of his friends and former students as possible will wish to attend. For further details contact his daughter, Christina Shaw on 0113 226 7210 or his son, Paul Merchant c/o Arden House, 18/20 Clarendon Square, Leamington Spa CV32 5QT. Telephone 01926 423695.

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COMMANDER TREVOR CRICK

Trevor Crick, OBE, DSC and Bar, commander of the minesweeping flotilla attacked by "friendly fire" in the Channel in 1944, died on June 20 aged 95. He was born on June 25, 1901.

Trevor Crick was a gallant sailor and a burly rugby player. But thirty adventurous years with the Navy were scant preparation for an all-out attack by the RAF.

Known as "Crack" or "Tom" to his friends, Trevor George Payne Crick attended King's School, Peterborough, but failed the interviews for the Royal Naval College at Osborne. Instead, from the age of 13, he trained in the training ship *Conway*, berthed in the Mersey. From there, as an outstanding cadet, he went on to Dartmouth.

He first went to sea in September 1917 in the dreadnought *HMS Colossus*. At the end of the First World War, the Navy sent him to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he was a noted rugby player. During the next decade, when not at sea, he made regular appearances at Twickenham. He captained both the Royal Navy team and the United Services. He also played for the Barbarians, and noted of his four tours with them that they were "quite unforgettable: not only the football, but also the drinking".

Meanwhile, after three years in submarines, he became a minesweeping specialist. In August 1939 he received £25 from the Lott Naval Trust Fund for inventing a minesweeping device.

In May 1940 he was at Dunkirk and was wounded in the foot. "It was mortifying," he later said, "to be sent to Flanders to evacuate the British Expeditionary Force and to become a casualty almost at once, so that instead of bringing them home I was an extra one needing to be brought."

In May 1942 he commanded the successful amphibious assault on Diego Suarez, Madagascar, winning the DSC. A year later, he was commanding the frigate *Ness* on escort duty off the northwest coast of Spain when a submarine conning tower was spotted by one of the other ships. The submarine dived, but *Ness* gave chase. A number of depth charges were dropped and a dull double explosion was heard. Evidence of a kill then floated to the surface, including lifebelts, a champagne cork, coffee tins bearing an Italian name and a pair of human lungs. It was later discovered that the same submarine had sunk a ship in which Crick's brother Kenneth had been a passenger in 1943, after which he survived three days in a lifeboat before being picked up.

In December 1944 Trevor Crick was appointed OBE (mil) for his outstanding courage when on August 27, 1944, the 1st Minesweeping Flotilla, of which he was senior officer, was mistakenly attacked by the RAF 12 miles off the Cherbourg coast. Within 15 minutes, the minesweepers *Britomart* and *Hussar* had been sunk and the stern had been blown off *Salamander*. It was one of the worst "friendly fire" incidents of the war.

The flotilla had been sweeping mines in dazzling sunshine on a calm sea when the attacking aircraft dived out of the sun. *Jason* immediately opened fire, but as the RAF Typhoon fighter-bombers circled and regained height, the sailors realised that they were British. Coloured recognition signals were fired, and one ship sent a signal "Am being attacked by friendly aircraft", but the planes returned five minutes later.

Although the ships steered a zigzag course, *Salamander* was hit by rockets, and *Colsay* soon disappeared amid waterspouts. *Britomart* was burning and listing heavily to port. A Union Jack and a White Ensign were draped over *Jason*'s fo'c'sle, and a second signal was sent: "Three ships hit and in danger of sinking." Nevertheless, a third attack followed. Four minutes after that signal, *Hussar* capsized and sank.

Jason now went to look for survivors, and managed to pick up 13 from *Hussar*, but soon the 9.2-inch guns of the German shore batteries began shelling. *Jason* now laid a two-mile smokescreen and began to tow *Salamander*, before other ships and tugs arrived. It was, as Crick said, "a dismal scene on so fine a day": 117 Royal Navy men had lost their lives, and 153 had been wounded.

Details of the day's tragic events were subsequently kept quiet, but in 1994 documentary evidence was released. Because of a communications failure, the area naval headquarters had had no record of the presence of the flotilla, which had been found by radar at about midday. A Spitfire reconnaissance flight had reported that the convoy was probably friendly. An attempt to check by telephone failed because the lines were down. Wing Commander Johnny Baldwin, who led the attack by 263 and 266 Squadrons, queried the order because of the ships' formation, but was told to continue. In all, confirmation of the identity of the ships had been sought four times.

After the war, Crick retired from the Navy and ran a poultry business in Somerset. However, he maintained his naval connections. For many years he was chairman of the Bridgwater sea cadets in Somerset, who provided a guard of honour at his funeral.

He was married twice, but both wives predeceased him. He is survived by a stepdaughter.

SIR CHARLES GRAHAM, Bt

Sir Charles Graham, Bt, former Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria, died on July 11 aged 77. He was born on July 16, 1919.

CHARLES GRAHAM was the owner of Netherby Hall, which was immortalised by Sir Walter Scott in his ballad *Lochinvar*.

Scott was staying as a friend at Netherby, then the hub of a vast estate on England's border with Scotland, when he wrote his swashbuckling romance in the visitors' book.

> So boldly he entered the
> Netherby hall
> Among bride's men and
> kinsmen and brothers and all.
> Then spoke the bride's father,
> his hand on his sword
> (For the poor craven bridegroom
> said never a word)
> "O come ye in peace here, or
> come ye in war
> Or to dance at our bridal, young
> Lord Lochinvar?"

wrote Scott, so bequeathing a rich inheritance to generations of schoolchildren.

Charles Spencer Richard Graham, son of the 5th Baronet, was born in Suffolk, at the home of his maternal grandmother, but he grew up at Netherby, at a house occupied by his parents on the estate.

The family had a centuries-long history. One ancestor had sailed to Spain to help arrange the marriage of King Charles I. The services to agriculture of Dr Robert Graham led to the creation of the present baronetcy in 1783, and the 2nd Baronet, Sir James Graham, became Home Secretary under Robert Peel.

The young Charles went from Eton to Sandhurst, intent on an army career. After a break because of illness, he was commissioned into the Scots Guards in 1940.

One of his duties in the following year was to guard the Nazi leader Rudolf Hess, who was held for a time in a house outside London after his dramatic flight to Scotland in May 1941.

Graham fought in the battle for North-West Europe after D-Day, serving in the regiment's armoured 3rd Battalion, where he made lifelong friends including Robert Runcie and William Whitelaw, one of whose daughters was later to marry Graham's son. Graham aptly christened his Churchill tank "Lochinvar".

His squadron was providing close support for the British infantry as the allies pushed into Holland, then towards the Elbe. Graham's job was to liaise with the infantry commanders, which often meant dismounting from his tank and dodging across the battlefield on foot — for which he won a mention in dispatches. He was posted to Trieste at the end of the war, and four years later found hiself fighting insurgents in the Malayan jungle.

But he resigned as a major in 1950 in order to run the Netherby estate, freeing his father, Sir Fergus Graham, to re-enter Parliament as Conservative MP for Darlington.

Charles, who succeeded to the title as the 6th Baronet in 1978, devoted the rest of his life to managing Netherby, including its extensive woodland. The hall itself, however, has since been sold.

In 1971 he became president of the Country Landowners Association, a post that his father had previously held. As such he played a leading part in founding the European landowners' organisation while Edward Heath was taking Britain into the EEC.

In 1973 Graham retired from the Country Landowners' presidency and joined the National Water Council. Ten years later he became Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria, which he remained for 11 years, before retiring at the statutory age of 75. He was also master of the Worshipful Company of Farmers, 1982-83.

He was a tall, approachable, gregarious man, a good shot and fisherman (chiefly salmon in the River Esk, which flows through the estate). He was equally happy, however, in the company of old friends in London's clubland. It was said that he knew everyone who mattered.

Charles Graham, who suffered a stroke last January, met his wife at an Eton-Harrow cricket match before the war. The sister of a schoolfriend, she was formerly Susan Surtees, and came from the family of Robert Surtees, the creator of Jorrocks. They married in 1944 and she survives him, together with their two sons and a daughter. His elder son, James, succeeds to the title as the 7th Baronet.

WATSON FORBES

Watson Forbes, viola player, died on June 25, aged 87. He was born in St Andrews on November 16, 1909.

ALTHOUGH he was one of the founding members of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Watson Forbes was best known for his work with several chamber ensembles. He also commissioned many pieces to extend the viola repertoire. Indeed, "Watson Forbes, viola" is how many who listened to the BBC Third Programme during the 1950s and 1960s will remember him. Through his performing, teaching and arrangements his name will be permanently associated with his chosen instrument.

Watson Forbes received his first tuition in the violin from his father, an amateur fiddler, and subsequently in Dundee until he was sent to London by his mother to study at the Royal Academy of Music. Towards the end of his time there he was advised by Herbert Withers to try playing the viola. Somewhat to his surprise, he immediately felt at home on the instrument and at ease with its sonority. On leaving the Royal Academy he won the first Sir James Caird Travelling Scholarship to study in Czechoslovakia with Sevcik.

When Sir Thomas Beecham formed the London Philharmonic in 1932, Watson Forbes was one of the founder members. He had played under Sir Henry Wood in the Royal Academy Orchestra, and subsequently spent his war years in the RAF Symphony Orchestra, along with many of the other leading musicians of the day.

However, it was as a chamber music player that Watson Forbes made his name. In 1933, as a member of the Stratton String Quartet, at the request of the composer, he recorded Elgar's String Quartet and Piano Quintet, which have recently been reissued on CD.

In 1944 it was decided to change the name to the Aeolian Quartet, which was destined to become one of the best-known and most frequently broadcast ensembles in the country. The quartet gave first performances of works by numerous contemporary composers, as well as introducing Bartok's six quartets to the British public.

Alongside his quartet and his solo performing, Forbes also formed the London String Trio and London Piano Quartet.

Because of the slimness of the viola repertoire, Forbes set about commissioning new works, including the Viola Sonata by Lennox Berkeley, and arranging and transcribing numerous others.

The results are often to be found in syllabuses of the Associated Board, for which he was an examiner, and as set pieces for competitions the world over.

Forbes was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music, where he became a professor of chamber music and viola. Among the ensembles he helped to launch during this period were the Alberni and Lindsay String Quartets.

The Royal Academy also loaned him one of the few existing violas by Stradivari, though for blend of tone within the quartet he found that his own instrument, by Guadagnini, produced a more suitable sound.

In 1965, after more than three decades as a performer, he accepted the post of head of music for the BBC in Scotland, which Robin Orr later described as "an inspired appointment". The administrative experience he had developed stood him in good stead there, and among his achievements in Glasgow were the rescue of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra from threatened extinction, the commissioning of new works by Scottish composers, and the establishment of a Scots Fiddling Competition. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Glasgow and was later elected a Fellow of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama.

In Scotland, together with his second wife, Jean, he was able to indulge his interest in food and wine, and enjoyed many convivial evenings with colleagues and friends. After his retirement, he continued making music, often with Jean at the piano, both at Loch Goil and later in the Cotswolds, until he was well into his eighties. He was an excellent listener and great raconteur, and published an autobiography, *Strings to my Bow*, in 1994. He was extremely well read, particularly in the fields of philosophy and humanism, and even in his last year was reading Churchill's *History of the Second World War* and the collected works of Walter Scott.

He is survived by his second wife and his two sons from his first marriage to Mary Hunt: Sebastian, composer and Professor of Music at Surrey University, and Rupert Oliver, an opera singer and singing teacher.

ON THIS DAY

July 18, 1930

At first sight, a case involving the alleged infringement of a patent for "neckties with linings made of woven fabric cut on the bias" might seem pretty dull stuff, but there is a certain grave charm about the proceedings recorded in The Times Law Reports

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CHANCERY DIVISION

PRESERVING SHAPE OF TIES: PATENT DISPUTE

THE FRANC-STROHMENGER AND COWAN (INC) V. PETER ROBINSON LIMITED

(Before Mr Justice Maugham)

His Lordship dismissed this action, in which the plaintiffs, the Franc-Strohmenger and Cowan (Inc) of 10, East 40th Street, New York, claimed an injunction to restrain the defendants, Peter Robinson, Limited, of Regent Street, London, from the alleged infringement of a patent for neckties with linings made of woven fabric cut on the bias, the linings having a limited elasticity or resilience, and stretching as the body material of the tie stretched. It was claimed that the lining relieved the strain when the tie was subjected to great pulling force and prevented distortion, so that both the body material and the lining would return to their normal positions when the tie was not in use.

The plaintiffs alleged that the defendants had infringed their patent by selling four neckties, which were put in evidence. The defendants admitted the sales, but alleged that the patent was not novel, by reason of prior publication, prior public user, and prior common general knowledge. Evidence of trade and expert witnesses was given for the plaintiffs. For the defence it was submitted that there was no case to answer, and no evidence was given . . .

Mr Justice Maugham [a brother of Somerset Maugham], in giving judgment, said that it had been shown that the body material and the lining would preserve the same relative positions, in substance, during and after the period for which they were subjected to the strain. That was not to say that both body material and lining would return to exactly the same positions as before; nor that after many weeks' use the ties would not increase in length. It was nowhere suggested that they would return to the length at which they were before the strain. It was clear that most fabrics which could be used for the purpose were of a certain elasticity if cut on the bias . . . It was also clear that some fabrics would return much more than others, and, in particular, that wool would do so almost entirely; but there was no evidence that any fabric would do so after months of use.

On the evidence, he had to conclude that it was quite common to have ties with linings cut on the bias, and that the patentee could not be said to have taken an inventive step with regard to loose stitching, as it was plain from the evidence that loose stitching was perfectly well known. The evidence had established complete prior user, by the use of a silk tie cut "from the square", and containing a lining of a similar character cut from the same square as the body material. He could not hold that there was sufficient subject matter to support the invention. He thought that the invention . . . was nothing more than an appreciation of the principles already involved in the manufacture of ties cut from silk squares. Accordingly, he concluded that the patent was invalid for lack of subject matter, and the action would be dismissed.

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■ Tony Blair was accused by the Ulster Unionists of watering down his stance on disarming IRA terrorists as part of secret negotiations with Sinn Fein to win a ceasefire.

The Prime Minister was given a blunt warning by David Trimble, the Unionist leader, that his efforts to save the Northern Ireland peace talks would fail unless he toughens a paper on decommissioning agreed by the British and Irish governments .... Page 1

E-mail delayed by computer fault

■ Tens of millions of electronic mail (e-mail) messages failed to reach their destinations all over the world when the system crashed for the first time. Business documents, idle gossip and love letters were bounced back to senders following the malfunction of computers .... Page 1

Versace killing link

The FBI was investigating possible links between the shooting of Gianni Versace in South Beach and the murder of a homosexual doctor in the bedroom of his nearby home .... Pages 1, 17

Russell case arrest

Detectives hunting the killer of Lin and Megan Russell arrested a man in connection with the murder of the mother and daughter a year ago .... Page 1

Home care pensions

Women who spend several years out of work because they have to care for relatives will be entitled to pension "credits" under new proposals being examined by the government .... Page 2

Professor weeps

A philosophy professor accused of indecently assaulting two students broke down and wept as he spoke of the "agonising" year his family had spent waiting for the case to come to court .... Page 3

Teenage trap

Teenagers will be sent into shops to see whether they can buy alcohol as part of the drive to curb underage drinking .... Page 4

Arts dealer attacked

A fine art expert who appears on television's *Antiques Roadshow* won more than £200,000 damages in the High Court as a judge delivered a scathing attack on a leading dealer .... Page 5

Tuition fees date

Tuition fees for higher education will be introduced in September 1999, subject to final agreement by the Cabinet next week **Page 6**

Doctor loses claim

A former team doctor at Tottenham Hotspur, who claimed that he angered officials when he tried to stop the German star Jurgen Klinsmann from playing with a head injury, lost a claim for unfair dismissal .... Page 8

Cleared of murder

A teenager jailed for life for murdering a policeman, although he was 100 yards away from the stabbing and in handcuffs, was freed by the House of Lords .... Page 10

Mir failure

The blighted Russian space station Mir suffered another mishap when a crew member accidentally disconnected a computer cable, causing a power failure and making a further delay to repairs almost inevitable .... Page 13

Woolworth closure

The last of the "five and dime" shops of F.W. Woolworth are to close after more than a century as a fixture of US life .... Page 14

New war crime court

Britain is to give the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague £330,000 to create a second court to speed up the trials of Bosnian war crimes suspects .... Page 15

Edward III ruled out the female line

■ A faded and charred document in the British Library has been identified as a 1376 charter in which Edward III named his successor and stipulated that the Crown should pass only through the male line. Michael Bennett, a history professor, said: "It's a lost piece of a jigsaw in terms of how we've understood the laws of succession to the Crown" .... Page 1

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If the UN is to meet the demands of 21st-century global management, it faces a colossal task of adaptation. In the package of reforms its new Secretary-General has just unveiled, caution is too much in evidence. Governments must take up the baton .... Page 21

An age-old problem

The Government could decide to means-test the state pension some time in the future. Tony Blair promised to think the unthinkable on social security. This would be a good place to start .... Page 21

Sharon the shark

The great white shark finds human snacks about as appetising as stale Ryvita. It prefers the fat-rich flesh of seals to bathing beach babes .... Page 21

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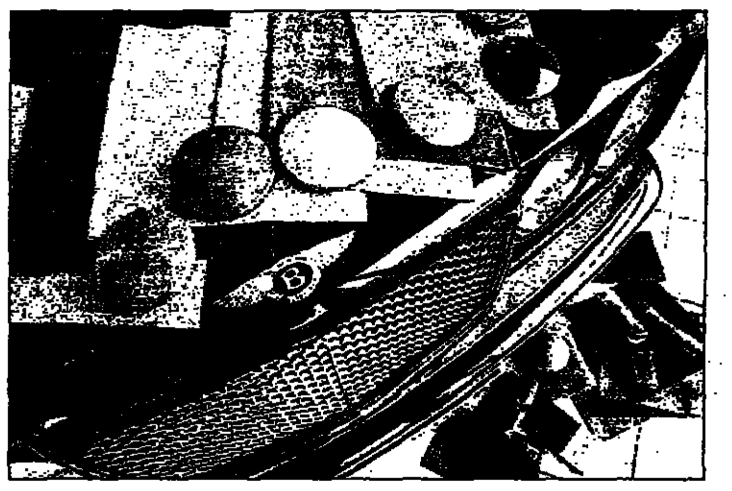

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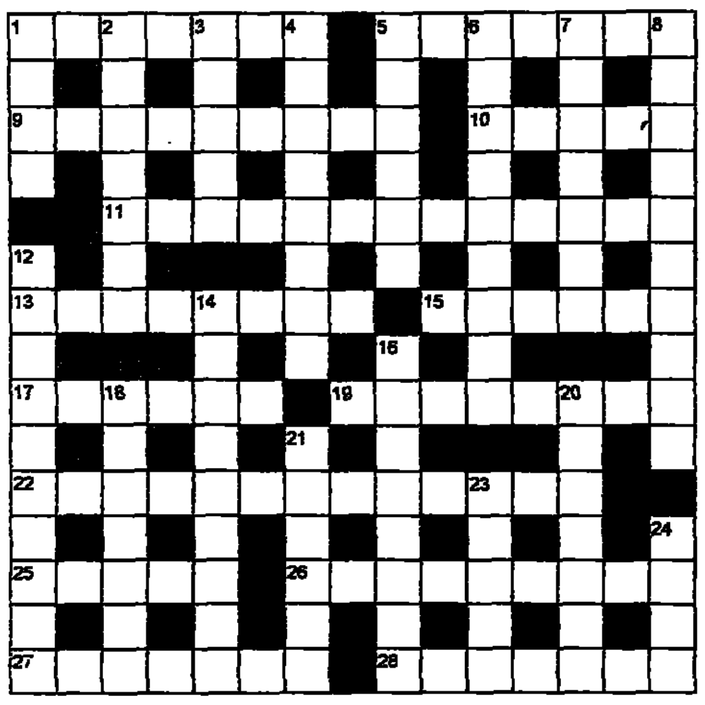

ACROSS

1 Delight conveyed by French anthem (7).
5 Peasant has worthless duck (not English) (7).
9 Moving? Show fellow around (9).
10 Wine's extraordinary strength (5).
11 Passengers are deceived (5,3,1,4).
13 Plant produced by nature in generous fashion (8).
15 Horse runs into aggrieved driver, originally (6).
17 Fruit drink (6).
19 Forcibly prevent others taking shower (8).
22 Some golfers play thus all day (5,3,5).
25 Map — there's one inside guide (5).
26 Brace of fifteens playing the ultimate in rugger (9).
27 Beats leading players — try doubly hard, perhaps, to take female title (7).
28 Girl and boy together in boat (7).

DOWN

1 Still in uniform (4).
2 Some toast overwhelming defeat borne by Conservative (7).
3 Want to support a pronouncement of regret (5).
4 Shape altering drastically (8).
5 Frenchman takes trains to Berkshire town (6).
6 Potter arousing most abuse (4,5).
7 Stranger beginning to keep more dark (7).
8 Wellington found here fresh enthusiasm — a new Duke? (3,7).
12 Tiny part in big hit that dominates Broadway (10).
14 Continue to discard, being desperate (4-5).
16 Getting to be attractive (8).
18 In the main, made up of States both Union and Confederate (7).
20 Suspiciously question half one's forebears (7).
21 Proposition the girl of the family in reduced circumstances (6).
23 Lights, for example, not on over central locality (5).
24 Club used to complete golf course, symbolically (4).

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☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E England:** rather cool and breezy with lots of cloud and one or two showers. Wind northerly, brisk. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England:** cool and rather breezy with a mix of cloudy and sunny periods. Wind northerly, moderate. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, NE England:** mostly fine with a few clouds. Wind northerly, moderate. Max temp 21C (70F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands:** some cloud at first, then sunny. Breeze northeasterly, cool. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** mostly dry and bright. Wind northeasterly, light to moderate. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy but mainly dry with sunnier spells. Wind northeasterly, light to moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Outlook:** mainly fine and warm.

☐ **Pollen:** low in northern Scotland; low to moderate in East Anglia, southeast and central southern England; moderate to high elsewhere (supplied by the Pollen Research Unit).

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Cromer	2.2	0.22	17	63	r	Oxford	5.2	0.07	19	66	r
Dunbar	2.6	-	19	66	b	Penzance	X	0.05	20	68	d
Eastbourne	1.9	0.05	20	68	r	Poole	8.3	0.01	24	75	r
Edinburgh	5.0	-	22	72	b	Prestatyn	X	0.43	17	63	b
Exmouth	9.9	0.01	21	70	s	Salcombe	10.2	0.02	23	73	s
Falmouth	6.2	-	19	66	s	Saunton Snd	5.7	0.07	18	64	s
Fishguard	4.1	0.03	15	59	b	Scarboro'	3.3	-	17	63	c
Folkestone	0.2	0.22	20	68	r	Shrewsbury	2.8	0.23	17	63	c
Glasgow	8.8	-	20	68	s	Skegness	0.8	0.20	18	64	sh
Guernsey	6.0	0.01	21	70	s	Southend	0.2	0.10	21	70	r
Hastings	2.0	0.01	21	70	sh	Southport	4.5	0.32	18	64	s
Hayling I.	5.5	0.01	23	73	sh	Swanage	7.0	0.01	23	73	sh
Herne Bay	-	0.17	18	64	sh	Teignmouth	10.6	-	22	72	s
Hove	3.3	0.01	22	72	b	Tenby	8.6	0.09	18	64	s
Isle-of-man	11.2	0.09	17	63	s	Torquay	10.2	0.01	22	72	s
Isle-of-wight	7.3	0.01	22	72	b	West-s-mare	X	X	23	73	s
Jersey	1.4	0.01	19	66	d	Weymouth	8.9	-	23	73	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	27	81	s	Corfu	29	84	s	Madrid	22	72	f	Riyadh	41	106	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	C'phagn	21	70	s	Majorca	28	82	f	Rome	30	86	s
Alex'dria	30	86	f	Dublin	17	63	s	Malaga	29	84	s	S Frisco	18	64	s
Algiers	28	82	s	Dubrovnik	26	79	b	Malta	31	88	s	S Paulo	27	81	f
Amst'dm	20	68	f	Faro	24	75	b	Melb'rne	12	54	c	Salzburg	22	72	f
Athens	29	84	s	Florence	32	90	s	Mexico C	20	68	c	Santiago	9	48	f
B Aires	15	59	s	Frankfurt	22	72	f	Miami	29	84	f	Seoul	28	82	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Funchal	23	73	f	Milan	29	84	s	Sing'por	33	91	f
Bangkok	Y			Geneva	24	75	s	Montreal	27	81	s	St'kholm	22	72	s
Barbados	29	82	s	Gibraltar	25	77	s	Moscow	16	61	f	Strasb'rg	25	77	s
Barcelona	26	79	f	Helsinki	19	66	s	Munich	21	70	f	Sydney	15	59	s
Beirut	30	86	f	Hong K	27	81	f	N Delhi	28	82	f	Tangier	25	77	f
Belgrade	20	68	r	Innsbrck	24	75	s	N York	28	82	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	f
Berlin	24	75	f	Istanbul	19	66	r	Nairobi	19	66	f	Tenerife	26	79	s
Bermuda	29	84	s	Jeddah	36	97	s	Naples	32	90	s	Tokyo	35	95	f
Biarritz	19	66	c	Jo'burg	17	63	s	Nice	28	82	s	Toronto	31	88	f
Bordx	24	75	f	Karachi	Y			Oslo	23	73	f	Tunis	40	104	s
Brussels	19	66	s	L Angels	20	68	f	Paris	24	75	f	Valencia	30	86	s
Budapest	24	75	f	L Palmas	24	75	s	Peking	27	81	f	Vanc'ver	21	70	f
Cairo	32	91	s	Le Touqt	17	63	f	Perth	15	59	s	Venice	27	81	f
Cape Tn	16	61	f	Lisbon	21	70	c	Prague	22	72	f	Vienna	20	68	r
Ch church	7	45	-	Locarno	25	77	s	Reykjavik	14	57	s	Warsaw	22	72	f
Chicago	33	91	s	Luxembg	22	72	c	Rhodes	28	82	s	Wash'ton	Y		
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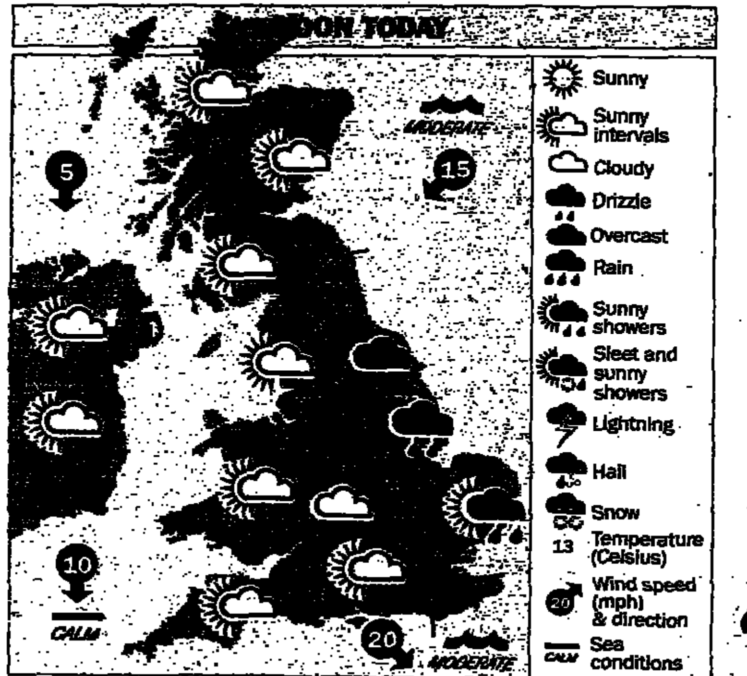

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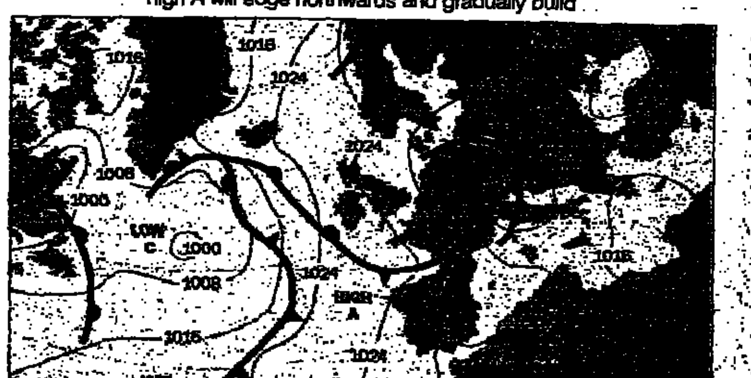

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	00.37	6.2	13.09	6.5	Leith	01.43	5.0	14.12	5.1
Aberdeen	00.27	3.9	12.54	3.9	Liverpool	10.31	8.6	22.58	9.0
Avonmouth	05.15	12.0	18.45	12.6	Lowestoft	08.48	2.4	21.09	2.3
Belfast	10.15	3.2	22.42	3.3	Margate	11.19	4.4	23.44	4.4
Cardiff	06.01	11.2	18.32	11.7	Milford Haven	05.20	6.1	17.48	6.4
Devonport	04.45	4.9	17.15	5.2	Newquay	04.15	6.2	16.42	6.5
Dover	10.18	6.1	22.36	6.3	Oban	05.05	3.4	17.38	3.7
Dublin (N Wall)	11.02	3.7	23.18	3.9	Penzance	03.43	4.9	16.09	5.1
Falmouth	04.16	4.7	16.46	5.0	Portland	06.00	1.6	18.28	1.9
Greenock	11.54	3.0	-	-	Portsmouth	10.48	4.2	23.01	4.4
Harwich	11.14	3.8	23.40	3.8	Shoreham	10.28	5.8	22.52	5.9
Holyhead	09.43	5.0	22.05	5.3	Southampton	10.04	4.2	22.24	4.4
Hull (Albert D)	05.32	7.9	18.00	7.9	Swansea	05.33	8.3	17.59	8.6
Ilfracombe	05.06	8.2	17.34	8.6	Tees	02.50	4.9	15.16	4.9
King's Lynn	05.37	6.0	18.02	6.0	Walton-on-N	11.09	3.9	23.35	3.9

All times BST. Heights in metres

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Bournemouth and Poole, Dorset, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Coningsby, Lincolnshire, 0.67in; highest sunshine: Isle of Man, 11.2hr

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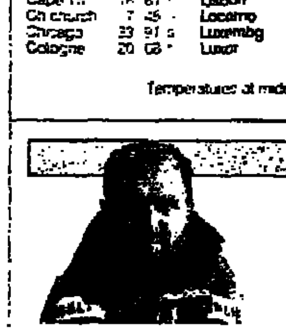

Total number of lives saved so far this year:	333
Total number of lifeboat launches so far this year:	1,538
Cost to RNLI per day:	£193,000
Cost to taxpayer:	£0
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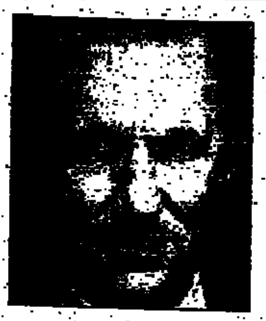

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M&S in £192m deal for 19 Littlewoods stores

By Sarah Cunningham

MARKS & SPENCER is to buy 19 of Littlewood's largest high street stores for £192.5 million in cash as part of a huge 18 per cent expansion of its UK retail chain.

Up to 1,800 Littlewoods staff, mostly part-timers, could lose their jobs because M&S has given no guarantees that they will be re-employed.

M&S expects the Littlewoods stores, many of which are next door or very near to existing branches, to be in profit within three years. Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, called the acquisition an "outstanding opportunity".

The stores will give M&S at least an extra 600,000 sq ft of selling space, in addition to the 1.4 million sq ft planned for the next three years.

Littlewoods, which recently abandoned plans to sell its entire 135-store high street chain after failing to agree terms with Kingfisher, said that the stores are being sold at a "substantial premium to book value", believed to be about £82 million.

Keith Oates, deputy chairman of M&S, said an initial offer for the 19 stores had been made in the spring, when the chain was first put on the market. The offer was revived when the attempt to sell the whole operation failed.

Subject to shareholder approval for the deal, fitting out is set to begin in February, and the stores should reopen as Marks & Spencer between May and September of next year. The stores are in Bath, Belfast, Bromley, Cardiff, Carlisle, Chester, Derby, Edinburgh, Ilford, Kingston, Leeds, London's Marble Arch, Dudley, Newcastle, Norwich, Peterborough, Shrewsbury, Watford and Worcester.

Where the newly acquired stores are next door to an existing M&S branch, they will be absorbed into the main store. Where they are near by or across the road, the company is likely to put individual departments such as food, menswear or household goods into the new space.

Sir Richard announced the acquisition at the company's annual meeting. He also revealed that in the current year the company will not be making any donations to political parties — last year it contributed £40,000 to the Conservative Party.

Sir Richard told shareholders that in the first quarter of the current financial year clothing sales in the UK have increased nearly 10 per cent, led by a strong performance in women's wear. Home furnishings saw sales up 16 per cent.

Food sales in the same quarter, adjusted for Easter, were up 2.3 per cent, and in June and July are running at 3.5 per cent above last year. Deflation has run at 1.5 per cent during the period. Abroad, first-quarter sales in local currencies are 12 per cent higher but the strength of the pound could reduce profits by some £20 million a year.

The reduction in corporation tax announced in the Budget will improve UK after-tax profits by about £20 million. This will help to offset the effects, still being assessed, of the abolition of the Advance Corporation Tax credit recoverable by pension funds.

After the meeting Sir Richard said that he does not believe retailing is currently experiencing a boom and will get tougher: "It is just that the good people are doing well."

James Ross, chairman of Littlewoods, said that the sale was the first step towards "revitalising the business and reconfiguring the property portfolio". The privately-owned company intends concentrating its retail business on smaller clothing stores.

It is to change the name of some stores to Berkertex and if the experiment is a success the Littlewoods name could disappear. About 100 stores should remain in the chain.

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Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks & Spencer, described the acquisition as an "outstanding opportunity"

James Ross: "revitalising"

Fine of £225,000 levied on firm by Imro

By Adam Jones

SOVEREIGN Unit Trust Managers has been ordered to pay more than £1.2 million into customer funds and to compensate more than 3,000 investors by a City watchdog.

Sovereign, based in Bournemouth, has been fined £225,000 by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation after a series of rule breaches over a seven-year period. The fine is one of the largest imposed by Imro. A total of 3,370 investors will share compensation of £120,000.

Sovereign delegated the running of three funds to another company and then charged two sets of management fees to the trusts themselves.

The double-charging occurred between April 1988 and September 1995. Imro said Sovereign "failed to act with due skill, care and diligence" because for four of those years it "knew or should have known that three of its unit trusts incorrectly paid fees".

Sovereign was also found to have incorrectly priced eight unit trusts between February 1994 and August 1995. Imro blamed inadequate staff training and internal controls. Sovereign has had to pay compensation of £28,000 to 1,471 investors and has paid £81,000 into the unit trusts.

Imro said Sovereign had also failed to "control its internal affairs in a reasonable manner between June 1992 and March 1995".

Sovereign is owned by Teachers Assurance, set up by the National Union of Teachers in the last century. Teachers is nominally owned by a board of directors, although profits are put back into the company in a similar way to mutual building societies.

About half of Sovereign's customers are teachers and the NUT is a commission-earning representative.

A Sovereign spokesman said the fine and compensation payments would be made from this year's and last year's profits, without having to raise charges.

Sovereign said it reported the problems itself in 1994. It said the average compensation per investor was £35 and added: "The company has taken positive action to strengthen staffing levels and expertise within its administration and control systems." All investors had been compensated by May 1996.

Since the problems were identified, Sovereign has carried out a thorough review of its accounting and administration procedures and has fully rectified the breaches, the company said.

NU to make e-mail libel payout

By Jason Nissé

NORWICH UNION, the insurance company, was ordered yesterday to pay £450,000 in damages and costs and issue an apology to a private healthcare group that it admitted libelling by electronic mail, or e-mail.

The settlement breaks new ground as it is the first time a company has received damages for being libelled by e-mail, and may have far reaching implications for the use of the Internet.

The legal action — first reported in *The Times* — followed rumours about the financial viability of Western Provident Association (WPA), a non-profitmaking group that operates in the £2 billion a year private health insurance market.

WPA discovered the rumours were being spread by staff at Norwich Union's health insurance arm, who had claimed the Department of Trade and Industry was investigating WPA and the group was close to breaching its solvency margins.

In the High Court yesterday Norwich Union admitted the rumours were false. It said in a statement: "Norwich Union deeply regret and sincerely apologise to WPA for the dissemination of the rumours. Norwich Union has made every effort to ensure that such unacceptable practices do not occur again."

David Sherborne, Norwich Union's counsel, said the insurer deeply regretted and sincerely apologised to WPA for the dissemination of the rumours. It had undertaken not to repeat the allegations.

Julian Stainton, WPA's chief executive, said he was delighted with the settlement. "People regard electronic mail as a transient medium in that the message disappears into the ether. The reality is that everything you type and send is recorded almost for all time and is available to be reassembled at a later date by the written or spoken word."

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4949.0	(-15.2)
Yield	3.29%	
FTSE All share	2311.56	(-4.47)
Nikkei	20519.25	(+160.51)
New York:		
Dow Jones	8049.57	(+10.69)*
S&P Composite	935.82	(-0.77)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5$\frac{1}{2}$%*	(5$\frac{5}{8}$%)
Long Bond	101$\frac{21}{32}$*	(101$\frac{15}{16}$)
Yield	6.47%*	(6.48%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6$\frac{15}{16}$%	(6$\frac{15}{16}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	114$\frac{22}{32}$	(114$\frac{7}{16}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6748*	(1.6787)
London:		
$	1.6713	(1.6756)
DM	2.9952	(3.0116)
FFr	10.1210	(10.1720)
SFr	2.4763	(2.4847)
Yen	194.01	(194.47)
£ Index	104.7	(105.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7915*	(1.7915)
FFr	6.0545*	(6.0490)
SFr	1.4810*	(1.4750)
Yen	116.08*	(115.55)
$ Index	103.9	(104.0)

Tokyo close Yen 116.00

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Oct)	$18.80	($18.30)

GOLD

London close	$320.65	($319.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Safety threat

Medical safety standards are under threat because of the European Union's move to harmonise the regulatory approval of new drugs, according to a new study.
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Food for thought

Shares in Somerfield fell 3 per cent after the supermarkets group, which floated on the stock market a year ago, reported current like-for-like sales growth of just 0.2 per cent. David Simons, chief executive, said that in the first eight weeks of this year food prices fell 1.4 per cent, while volume growth was 1.6 per cent. The shares closed 6p lower at 189½p.
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Spottiswoode criticises aims of DTI's review

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

CLARE SPOTTISWOODE, the gas regulator, is on a collision course with the Government after criticising its plans to overhaul utility regulation, saying key consumer and environmental measures are unworkable.

Ms Spottiswoode said the Government's review would be unable to deliver its promises to cut prices for the poor and improve energy efficiency because increasing competition between gas, water and electricity companies meant that the market was taking control. "Utilities are no longer the monolithic organisations they used to be," she said "Competition in the gas market has been more revolutionary than was envisaged. What the Government is proposing could have been done ten years ago. It can't be done now." Department of Trade and Industry ministers are understood to be livid with Ms Spottiswoode.

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, has put the issues of social obligations and the environment at the heart of the review of utility regulation that is intended to improve the balance between customers and shareholders.

Ms Spottiswoode does not believe it is possible to support measures such as helping poor people pay for their fuel or promising energy savings by exerting pressure on companies, such as Transco, the pipeline group, which are not directly connected with consumers. Nor does she think measures to enforce social obligations on companies in competitive markets are appropriate. She said that when competition was introduced to the gas market, and it is now operating in three areas, no one envisaged it would necessarily lead to lower prices for all customers although the fact that it has is a bonus. She believes support for low-income families and for environmental measures, including energy saving, should come from direct government action rather than through the regulatory framework.

Ms Spottiswoode's comments highlight concerns within the untilities that the Government may try to implement its policies via the regulators rather than allow the regulatory regime to function more independently.

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Profit-taking pushes pound below DM3

THE pound fell below DM3.00 to close at DM2.9964 yesterday as profit-taking set in after its recent surge to a seven-year high (Alasdair Murray writes).

Rumours of Bank of England intervention fuelled a sell-off. Sterling's trade-weighted index declined by 0.7 to close at 104.7. The stock market also slipped back on profit-taking from Wednesday's new record high, the FTSE 100 closing down 15.2 points, at 4,949.

The Bank of England has expressed repeated concern about the high level of the pound. But Professor Charles Goodhart, one of the new members of its monetary policy committee, hinted in an interview yesterday that the Bank was still poised to raise interest rates and ruled out any major intervention on the foreign exchange.

Cognac producers threaten action

From Adam Sage in Paris

INDEPENDENT cognac producers are set for a showdown with three of the world's biggest drinks groups, which they hold responsible for a "cognac lake" large enough to supply global demands for the next seven years.

Producers of the French brandy blame Allied Domecq, Seagram and LVMH for stimulating massive overproduction that has left their region in southwest France facing its deepest crisis in 300 years. Amid widespread resentment the 9,800 producers are preparing to destroy almost a fifth of their lands in an attempt to stabilise falling prices.

Some farmers want to provoke a showdown with the three groups which, with Rémy-Martin, the French firm, dominate the cognac market. They are threatening to refuse to sell their produce below a fixed price.

LVMH, the luxury goods group which is locked in a takeover battle with Guinness and GrandMet, owns Hennessy cognac, Seagram owns Martell and Allied Domeq owns Courvoisier. The Federation of Cognac Producing Unions, an association of producers, says the arrival of the three groups in the region over the last decade has transformed what used to be a "fraternal" market.

The price of recent vintages has fallen to between Fr3,000 (£296) and Fr6,000 for 100 litres of cognac and many producers say they are no longer able to make a living. The region earned Fr9 billion last year, down from Fr10 billion in 1994, even though the volume of sales remains stable, according to the Federation. "The big merchants have done everything to get into this position," said Sebastien Dathané, the federation's secretary. "They don't think in terms of the region but in terms of their global financial strategy. Decisions are taken in Paris, or New York but not here."

But M Dathané added: "We have to take our share of the blame because we have done nothing to stop this. Now we are having to take tough measures for the first time in 300 years to improve the balance of power between ourselves and the merchants."

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Halifax triggers loan increases

THE Halifax, the country's biggest mortgage lender, yesterday increased its standard variable rate by 0.25 per cent to 8.2 per cent, in line with last week's rise in base rates. This prompted an immediate response from Nationwide, the UK's largest building society, which pushed its rate up by 0.35 per cent to 7.85 per cent, its first rise in two months.

Commentators said Nationwide had struggled with a 0.6 per cent gap between it and the Halifax and would be happier with the 0.35 per cent differential. Both moves took immediate effect for existing borrowers but will be charged on new customers from 1 August. A Halifax borrower with an interest-only mortgage of £60,000 will now pay an extra £11.55 a month.

Coke fizzes

Coca-Cola, the world's largest soft drinks company, reported a 25 per cent rise in second-quarter earnings to $1.31 billion (£785 million) from $1.05 billion, in spite of a fall in revenues to $5.07 billion from $5.29 billion. The company, based in Atlanta, attributed the decline in revenues to the consolidation of bottling operations in France, Belgium and eastern Germany, as well as to a stronger dollar. Total unit case volume sales rose 7 per cent in the second quarter, and 8 per cent in the first six months.

Plant closure

Anderson Mining Equipment plant in Motherwell, Strathclyde, is to close with the loss of 360 jobs. The American owners, Long Air Dox, based in Virginia, who took over the plant two years ago, have blamed the decision on a downturn in orders.

Rail reward

Gerald Corbett, the former finance director of Grand Metropolitan, will earn £300,000 a year when he takes over as chief executive of Railtrack in September. Mr Corbett, who was unofficially named successor to John Edmonds last month, will take home £50,000 more than his predecessor, matching the salary he commanded at GrandMet. Mr Edmonds, who joined British Rail 37 years ago, is to retire.

Microsoft hire

Microsoft plans to hire 3,600 extra staff, expanding its US workforce by nearly 19 per cent. The software company said that it was beginning to see a shortage of high-quality software developers in the US and was already looking overseas to countries such as Ireland, India and China.

DES JENSON

Gavin Kaye, left, finance director of Worthington, and Henry Schuldenfrei, chief executive, lined up a 32 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £2.66 million in the year to end March on sales up 12 per cent to £30 million. The textiles group raised earnings per share by 10.5 per cent to 6.3p and the total dividend for the year rose 12 per cent to 2.8p

EU accord on testing of drugs 'threatens safety'

BY PAUL DURMAN

MEDICAL safety standards are under threat because of the European Union's move to harmonise the regulatory approval of new drugs, according to a new study backed by the Economic and Social Research Council.

Pharmaceutical groups have been under pressure to cut the cost of drugs sold in European markets. The EU believes that by allowing a drug approved in, say, Portugal to be sold in the UK without having to go through the approval process again, will cut costs.

A similar deal allows drugs approved by the EU to be sold in the US without having to go through the Food and Drug Administration's length safety tests.

The EU harmonisation has been welcomed by leading drug companies such as SmithKline Beecham and Glaxo Wellcome. However, the ESRC report, by John Abraham, of Sussex University, and Graham Lewis, of Reading University, suggests that EU member states are competing for pharmaceutical industry funds according to their willingness to give rapid approval to new drugs.

The authors find that "the whole process lacks proper accountability and some industrial scientists believe its very secrecy threatens the progress of science".

Under a new system of mutual recognition introduced two years ago, marketing approvals granted by one national drug regulation agency can be readily extended to other EU territories. The process is overseen by the European Medicines Evaluation Agency, based at Canary Wharf in London.

The report suggests that time pressures are undermining the system of peer review among member states that is intended to act as a safety mechanism. The competition for the right to take on the regulatory assessment of new drugs "puts pressure on national authorities to sell themselves as the fastest in reviewing and approving drugs". Dr Abraham and Dr Lewis suggest that some national agencies are already finding it difficult to carry out proper assessments, and that harmonisation could eventually reduce the number of agencies.

The ESRC team also attacks the secrecy of the regulatory process, which prevented them from investigating case studies. The report complains that the regulatory system does not allow independent scrutiny, hampering the development of informed policy.

Clinton threatens Boeing sanctions

BY GEORGE SIVELL

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton threatened to impose sanctions on Europe or seek the intervention of the World Trade Organisation if the European Commission (EC) blocked the merger between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, the US air companies.

The US President said, however, that a damaging trade war with Europe could "probably" be avoided. Mr Clinton said: "There's an orderly process for our handling this and I think we'd better let the orderly process play itself out before we talk ourselves into a trade war. I think we're a long way from that and I think we'll probably avoid it.

"We have a system for managing this through the World Trade Organisation and we have some options ourselves when actions are taken by Europe in this regard."

The EC votes next Wednesday on the merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas and has given every indication that it will vote against the merger, while leaving the door open to last-minute negotiations with Boeing. The Brussels line, however, is that any initiative to break the deadlock would have to come from Boeing.

Meanwhile, McDonnell Douglas reported stronger second-quarter profits as merger costs were offset by the favourable resolution of state tax issues.

McDonnell earned $195 million, or 93 cents per share, compared with $188 million, or 87 cents per share, in the comparable 1996 period. Revenues rose to $3.6 billion from $3.3 billion. Profits for the first six months of 1997 fell to $376 million from $386 million, while revenues rose to $6.8 billion from $6.4 billion. However, earnings per share climbed to $1.79 from $1.76, thanks to share buy-ins.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

British Steel mounts £155m share buyback

BRITISH STEEL mounted the first share buyback in the company's history yesterday, spending £155 million to repurchase 5 per cent of its equity. The company, which is in the throes of a massive restructuring exercise involving thousands of redundancies, said that it had gone into the market through Cazenove, the broker, because it believed its share price undervalued the business. Cazenove had authority to buy up to 100 million shares at 155p.

The company has a mandate to buy up to 10 per cent of its shares and could move again before next Wednesday's annual meeting when it can seek approval for a another 10 per cent buyback. British Steel shares have been hit by poor steel prices and the impact of the strong pound. However, American investors remain bullish about its prospects and are now believed to hold up to 35 per cent of the shares, compared with 17 per cent at the start of the year. The shares rose 10¼ p, to 159¾ p, yesterday.

JSC losses deepen

JEFFERSON SMURFIT CORPORATION, the US associate of Smurfit, the Irish paper and packaging company, reported second-quarter losses of $4 million (£2.39 million) or $0.4 per share, lifting total losses in the first half to $11 million. In the first half last year the company reported a profit of $80 million. JSC blamed a downturn in corrugated container prices, but insisted the losses were lower than expected. Peter Graham, chief executive, said second-half earnings should benefit from an improving market climate, together with strong volume and higher product prices.

Debonair sets price

DEBONAIR HOLDINGS, the low cost airline that flies from Luton, priced its share offering yesterday in the middle of the range that had already been indicated and said that the issue had been three times subscribed. Debonair will place some 5.7 million new ordinary shares at 450p each, raising about £25 million, when it floats on the European Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System (Easdaq). Debonair becomes the first British company to be listed solely on Easdaq. Dealings in the shares are expected to begin on Friday, July 25.

News Corp sells stations

THE NEWS CORPORATION, parent company of *The Times*, is to sell the radio and television stations owned by Heritage Media, the company that News Corp agreed to acquire earlier this year. Heritage's four television stations and seven radio stations will go to Sinclair Broadcast Group, one of the largest broadcasting companies in America, for $630 million (£377 million), when the Heritage-News Corp merger receives regulatory approval, expected in early 1998. Heritage will consist of a coupons and promotional materials business after the TV and radio sale.

Reliance profits fall

PRE-TAX profits at Reliance Security, the security company, fell by from £4.1 million to £3 million in the year to May 2. Earnings declined from 12p a share to 8.9p. Brian Kingham, chairman, said markets were growing and remained competitive. He said: "The experiences of the year under review incline me to caution. Nevertheless, the reduced levels of unemployment with greater recruitment difficulties will bring conditions favouring quality services and our higher wage and benefits policy and should moderate pressure on margins." The final dividend is 5p (total unchanged at 6.75p).

Tele-cine Cell warning

TELE-CINE CELL, the special video effects company struck by the defection of seven key staff last January, has given warning that it is heading into the red in the first half after failing to replace business contacts that the staff took with them. Although its production division is still trading strongly, it said, the effects studio had still failed to mount a significant recovery. It now plans to scrap the interim dividend. Its shares, which have fallen from 55p since the defection was announced, dropped a further 8p to a new low of 29½ p.

Nightfreight at new low

SHARES of Nightfreight dropped to a new low yesterday as the parcel delivery company said a breakdown in its central sorting system had left interim pre-tax profits at £805,000 (£1.81 million). Its contract distribution significantly undershot its target for new customers, and suffered a bad debt of £100,000. The shares fell 4p to 32½ p. David Cobb, chief executive, promised "to leave no stone unturned" in restoring former profitabity levels. Earnings dropped to 1.04p (2.61p) and the interim dividend, due October 28, from 1.3p to 0.5p.

Fid move by GrandMet

GRAND METROPOLITAN, the food and drink group, expects to recover £33 million in advance corporation tax by paying its interim dividend as a foreign income dividend (Fid). GrandMet, which in May announced plans for a £24 billion merger with Guinness, is the latest in a stream of UK companies with substantial foreign earnings to turn to Fids in the wake of tax credit changes made in the last Budget. The 6.25p a share dividend announced by GrandMet in May will be paid on October 6.

Daejan gains value

DAEJAN HOLDINGS, the property group, yesterday reported a rise in net asset value to £16.72 per share at March 31, from £15.32 a year earlier. The value of the company's investment properties rose to £330 million from £320 million, while an external valuation of the group's UK trading properties revealed an excess over book value of £63.6 million. Annual pre-tax profits were £24.5 million, up from £20.6 million and earnings were 102.6p a share (89p). The total dividend rises to 38p a share from 35p, with a 6p final.

Ted Baker float to raise £28m

BY FRASER NELSON

TED BAKER, the shirt retailer, will be valued at £55.6 million next month in a placing that will raise £28 million for Ray Kelvin, who bought the company out of receivership seven years ago.

Mr Kelvin founded the company in 1988, but sold out to A Goldberg, a Scottish retail chain, as part of a £1.1 million package. Goldberg then fell into insolvency, and Mr Kelvin bought the company back with venture capital backing for a sum understood to be around £700,000.

He has already received a one-off payment of £3 million in the run-up to flotation, and will retain a 45 per cent stake worth £25 million. The company itself is raising £26 million to fund expansion.

Ted Baker has eight outlets across Britain, including a concession in Harrods, and last returned profits of £1.02 million on sales of £14.4 million. In the first five months of this year, retail sales are 25 per cent ahead. UK wholesale sales have also risen by 85 per cent.

Charterhouse Tilney is placing 42 million shares at 135p apiece.

Kelvin: expansion

SFA orders broker to pay £60,000

BY ADAM JONES

THE Securities and Futures Authority yesterday reprimanded Teather & Greenwood. The regulator ordered the London stockbroking partnership to pay a £50,000 fine and £10,000 costs for internal control and compliance failings in its corporate finance business.

The SFA said Teather & Greenwood had failed to prevent conflicts of interest in four share placings. Staff undertaking corporate finance activities were also dealing for private clients. The SFA also said that it had failed to keep proper records.

Eric Kenelm Ford, a partner, was fined £8,000 and ordered to pay costs of £2,000 for a similar conflict of interest and record-keeping breaches.

Hyder aims to cut windfall tax bill

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

HYDER, the Welsh electricity and water company, is to hold talks with the Treasury in a final effort to reduce its £282 million windfall tax bill.

The company, which says it will pay the tax and will not mount a legal challenge, wants to persuade Treasury officials that the formula that was used to set the windfall tax unfairly penalises Hyder.

Hyder, which will see its gearing rise to 200 per cent after it pays the tax, assured the market last week that it would be able to pay the bill and still increase its dividend. Fears surrounded Hyder's ability to pay because the company borrowed heavily when it was formed from the takeover of Swalec, the electricity company, by Welsh Water.

A spokeswoman for Hyder said: "We think the arbitrary way in which the tax has been calculated unfairly penalises Hyder and we don't think the Government meant to burden us in this way. If we can get it reduced we will."

Hyder was hit hard because its two companies made good returns in the four years after privatisation — the period covered by the windfall tax formula.

A spokesman for the Treasury said: "We will listen to representations from anyone over the tax if there is something new to take into account, but there is a clear leglislative framework for the tax."

It is thought unlikely that any company will be allowed to renegotiate the level of its tax with the Government because of the chaos that would ensue as other utilities attempted to follow suit and reduce their share of the £5.2 billion levy, the spending of which is committed.

Phone portability date

BY ERIC REGULY

A SIGNIFICANT barrier to competition will be eliminated in the mobile-phone market next year when number portability is introduced.

Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, yesterday said Vodafone, Cellnet, Orange and One-2-One will have to make number portability available from next July. "Research has shown that ... allowing number portability is a key factor in enabling the mobile phone market to become fully competitive," it said. "We found the number of medium to large businesses willing to switch operatiors would rise from 41 per cent to 96 per cent if they could keep their number."

The regulator estimated that number portability will save customers about £100 million over the next ten years.

Oftel also said the "07" prefix for all mobile numbers will be in place by 2001, ensuring customers know when they are dialling higher-charging mobile phones.

OFT yet to signal opinion on Virgin deal

Capital clears first hurdle

BY ERIC REGULY

CAPITAL RADIO'S £65 million takeover of Richard Branson's Virgin Radio was cleared yesterday by the Radio Authority, subject to certain conditions, but cannot be completed until the Office of Fair Trading concludes its own inquiry into the acquisition.

The Radio Authority said the takeover does not go against the public interest even though it will give Capital some 27 per cent of the London listening audience. When the purchase is completed, Capital will control three London licences — Capital FM, Capital Gold (AM) and Virgin FM — and one national AM licence, Virgin AM.

The authority imposed three undertakings on Capital. The news services of the Virgin stations will have to be produced and presented separately from those of Capital.

The other two were designed to ensure that there is no programming clash with XFM, the alternative rock music station that is to be launched in September. Virgin FM's alternative rock output is to be limited to a fifth of its schedule and its relaunch is to be delayed until the end of the year. Virgin FM probably will be aimed largely at a rock audience to differentiate it from Capital FM's mainstream pop audience.

Chris Parry, XFM's chief executive, said he was pleased the restrictions were put on Capital but remains fundamentally opposed to the merger on competition grounds. "How can there be diversity in the radio market if so much advertising power is concentrated in one group?" he said.

With Virgin, Capital's estimated share of commercial radio advertising in London will exceed 60 per cent.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.38	2.20
Austria Sch	22.02	20.38
Belgium Fr	64.98	60.00
Canada $	2.426	2.238
Cyprus Cyp£	0.922	0.860
Denmark Kr	11.98	11.09
Finland Mkk	9.38	8.63
France Fr	10.57	9.79
Germany Dm	3.16	2.91
Greece Dr	498	457
Hong Kong $	13.75	12.55
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.17	1.08
Israel Shk	6.22	5.57
Italy Lira	3098	2849
Japan Yen	209.33	191.80
Malta	0.688	0.629
Netherlds Gld	3.558	3.269
New Zealand $	2.71	2.47
Norway Kr	12.98	12.04
Portugal Esc	314.53	292.50
S Africa Rd	8.33	7.97
Spain Pta	283.20	264.50
Sweden Kr	13.78	12.69
Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.41
Turkey Lira	268790	248912
USA $	1.778	1.636

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of Gallery Zadah Limited

And in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106, we, Alan David Kenningham and Alan Redvers Price of Haines Watts, 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London, EC2A 4LU, give notice that on 10 July 1997 we were appointed Joint Liquidators of Gallery Zadah Limited by resolutions of the members and creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 11th August 1997 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned A D Kenningham of 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London, EC2A 4LU, the Joint Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Dated: 10 July 1997
A D Kenningham
Joint Liquidator

No.002861 of 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
IN THE MATTER OF NURSING HOME PROPERTIES PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 9 July 1997 concerning the reduction of the share premium account of the abovenamed company and the reduction in the capital of the abovenamed company from £38,970,046.30 to £31,970,046.30 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 10 July 1997.

Dated this 14th day of July 1997
Eversheds
Holland Court
The Close
Norwich NR1 4DX
Ref: CHC.AMP.GIB
Solicitors for the abovenamed Company

To Steven Daultrey, previously of Brunston, Summerhill Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex.

Take notice that further to an action commenced against you ("the First Defendant") in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division 1996-C-No:2528 by Andrew Charteris ("the Plaintiff") of 43 Fernhurst Road, London SW6 7JN, in which the Plaintiff's claim was for the sum of £50,000 plus interest thereon with respect to monies held by yourself, to his order, Judgment was obtained before Master Miller on 7 May 1997, wherein the Plaintiff was awarded £50,000 plus interest of £14,882.38 plus costs and, further, a Mareva Injunction dated 7 May 1997 was obtained before Mr Justice Rix freezing your share of the net sale proceeds of Brunston, Summerhill Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex.

On 8 July 1997 Mr Justice Moses ordered that:

1 There be substituted service of the Mareva Injunction of 7 May 1997 by post upon the First Defendant's father and by advertisement in the Law Society Gazette and the Times newspaper.

2 There be substituted service of the Judgment of 7 May 1997 upon the same terms.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that you must, within four days from the publication of this advertisement, comply with the terms of the said Mareva Injunction by, inter alia, informing the Plaintiff's solicitors of all your assets in England and Wales whether in your name or not and whether solely or jointly owned, giving the value, location and details of all such assets, such information to be confirmed in an Affidavit which must be served on the Plaintiff's solicitors whose name and address appear below:-

Christopher John Gates of Messrs Brooke Blain Russell, The Smokery, Greenhill's Rents, Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6BN.

Dated the 18th day of July 1997
Plaintiff's solicitor

The Insolvency Act 1986
CAMELMIST LIMITED
(Formerly HYDRIS (UK) LTD)
(Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number: 02513456

I, Phillip Rodney Sykes of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2PS have been appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 2nd July 1997 by the Members.

Dated 14th July 1997
Phillip Rodney Sykes, Liquidator

No 003184 of 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF:
BRODERICK STRUCTURES LIMITED
and IN THE MATTER OF:
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on Thursday 26 June 1997 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the sum of £2,438,000 standing to the credit of the share premium account of the above-named Company and the reduction of capital of the above-named Company from £1,500,000 to £1,068,000 AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Registrar of the Companies Court at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 30 July 1997. Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

Dated this 15th day of July 1997
Messrs Macfarlanes, 10 Norwich Street, London EC4A 1BD. Tel: 0171-831-9222. (Ref: WGD/544936). Solicitors for the above-named Company

No. 002863 OF 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF SIMON GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 9th July 1997 confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company from £43,627,000 to £5,627,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 11th July 1997.

DATED 16TH JULY 1997
Herbert Smith
Exchange House, Primrose Street, London EC2A 2HS
Tel: 0171 374 8000
Fax: 0171 496 0043
Ref: 322/C492

No. 003216 of 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF COLLEGIA LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 26th June 1997 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the Company from £2,200,000 to £1,320,000 and the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the Company of £1,254,660.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 30th July 1997. ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Capital and cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be forwarded to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

Dated this 8th day of July 1997
Shacklocks, 19 The Ropewalk
Nottingham, NG1 5DU
Tel: 0115 941 0789
Ref: KEM
Solicitors for the above-mentioned Company

NELLCOR (UK) LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF NELLCOR (UK) LIMITED

On 5 July 1997 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Robert Jonathan Hunt of Price Waterhouse, Cornwall Street, Birmingham B3 2DT was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.

The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 8th August 1997. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.

Dated 15 July 1997
Robert Jonathan Hunt, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 1986
IN BANKRUPTCY
IN THE BOSTON COUNTY COURT
No 51 of 1997
RE: DEREK NIGEL CAIRNS

On 7 July 1997 the above-named Court amended the title of the above proceedings to:-

DEREK NIGEL CAIRNS (shown in the bankruptcy order as Derek Cairns), occupation unknown of The Haven, Sutton Road, Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe, Lincolnshire LN12 2PP, lately of Flat 1 Wellington Court, 11-12 Wellington Road, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR30 3AQ, lately a company director, formerly of 17 Tollhouse Street, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR30 2SQ, formerly of 192 Plumstead Road East, Norwich, Norfolk NR7 9NQ, formerly of 27 Commodore Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 3NE, formerly of 1 Newton Avenue, St Helens, Merseyside WA9 4JT.

The proceedings were previously advertised under the description:-

DEREK CAIRNS, Occupation Unknown, Of The Haven, Sutton Road, Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe, Lincolnshire, LN12 2PP, Lately Of Flat 1 Wellington Court, 11-12 Wellington Road, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR30 3AQ, Lately A Company Director, Formerly Of 17 Tollhouse Street, Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR30 2SQ, Formerly Of 192 Plumstead Road, East Norwich, Norfolk, NR7 9NQ, Formerly Of 27 Commodore Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 3NE, Formerly Of 1 Newton Avenue, St Helens, Merseyside, WA9 4JT.

Date 11 July 1997
P G O'Hare
Official Receiver
Chaddesden House
77 Talbot Street
Nottingham
NG1 5GA

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Clare joins battle with Beckett

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Clare Spottiswoode has good reason to be wary of Margaret Beckett's review of utility regulation. Under the expert guidance of civil servants, it is only too likely to be used to turn nominally independent regulators into tools of departmental policy, regardless of whether those policies conflict with the regulator's other duties.

Back in 1994, when relatively new to the job, the gas regulator was subjected to a classic dirty tricks campaign, of a particularly rabid sexist kind. Her crime was to dare to refuse to put a levy on consumers' gas bills. Ms Spottiswoode reckons her job is to get bills down. If ministers want to put them up, they can levy a tax.

The issue was environmental responsibility, a typical good cause. The previous government, having pledged at the Rio summit to cut greenhouse gas emissions, passed the buck to an Energy Savings Trust to be funded in part by the gas regulator creaming off a surcharge on bills. Ministers were angry when the regulator said no. Labour MPs on the Environment Select Committee were particularly incensed.

This was the trigger for Richard Caborn, who then chaired the parallel Trade and Industry committee, to call for a review "to set out clearer guidelines on the duties, accountability and responsibilities of unelected and unaccountable regulators" and review their relationship with ministers. Mr Caborn is now a minister in John Prescott's colossal Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions.

Ministers have a duty to set policy priorities clearly, not to give regulators contradictory instructions that cannot be fulfilled. This becomes transparent when, as in water, the consumer watchdog wanted bills curbed but the environment watchdog wanted more investment.

Similar conflicts are built into the drive to competition. On average, competition should cut bills. But competition also stops monopolists forcing wealthier customers to subsidise poor ones. Utility monopolies used cross-subsidies extensively, allowing new competitors to offer big customers a better deal.

Competition in gas supply has been made relatively painless by cuts in the wholesale price of gas. Even so, Ms Spottiswoode had to impose harshly punitive price cuts on BG's Transco pipelines to stop prices for small and distant users from rising. Such a conflict will soon surface again in electricity. Ministers naturally do not like the idea that competition removes the monopolist's social responsibility because they are both good things. What is more, responsibility for poor consumers will inevitably fall on taxpayers.

Environmental campaigners have pointed out that the cut in VAT on domestic fuel contradicts Tony Blair's promise of much more ambitious cuts in greenhouse gases. No wonder ministers fume at the gas regulator for raising the alarm on attempts to pass the buck to economic regulators. As in 1994, Ms Spottiswoode is right.

Littlewoods gets a goalless result

James Ross appears to be deciding his strategy for Littlewoods on the hoof. When he came from Cable & Wireless to the Merseyside muddle, he said: "Let's sell the retail business and concentrate on leisure and home shopping." Then he found that nobody wanted to pay the £600 million he wanted for the operation. He hired Barry Gibson from BAA, and was able to pull a rabbit out of the hat in the form of Keith Oates's desire to pay nearly £200 million for 19 of 135 Littlewoods stores that Mr Oates can then turn into Marks & Spencer outlets. A few sales and leasebacks and the odd property deal should give Mr Ross some more cash to play with. But one fears for the long-term prospects of his concept to attack the *People's Friend* reading market by rebranding the shop as Berkertex — the oft derided Littlewoods own brand.

As for home shopping, the expansion into direct mail through the Index Extra catalogue has been a good move, in spite of the appearances of the business on the BBC's *Watchdog* programme. But Mr Ross inherited this move and his attempts to buy Freemans from the ailing Sears have been held up by the MMC's summer break. If Littlewoods does buy its ailing rival, it should press for a discount on the £370 million price tag to take account of the fact that Freemans has almost certainly deteriorated during the summer. But then Mr Ross risks losing the deal.

And then there is the pools operation. Sales have been laid waste by the National Lottery and there appears no let up, what with the midweek lottery, and the betting shops' 49ers game. The reaction of Littlewoods has been to slash costs — something it should have done years ago — and look at expanding overseas. But however hard Mr Ross pushes the pools it cannot be seen as a long-term growth business. Yet it has always thrown off a great deal of cash.

Where does that leave Littlewoods strategy? Not much clearer than when Mr Ross arrived. It still has three businesses and, according to Mr Ross, a structure that allows him to manage the group without the Moores family sticking its oar in. But what is the ultimate game plan? Will Littlewoods remain private, be floated or be sold off piecemeal? Mr Ross believes the businesses have to be run to their best potential before any decision is made. But it is hard to work towards a goal if you do not know what the goal is in the first place.

Virgin on the ridiculous

Chris smith, the Heritage Secretary, has said that he wants The Radio Authority to be more open and explain its decisions clearly. Well it would be a good idea to start with yesterday's waiving through of Capital Radio's purchase of Virgin Radio, one of its main competitors.

The authority's attitude to Virgin's ownership of a London FM licence has been faulted from the start. At the time there was a highly competitive fight for two FM licences. One went to Heart FM, on the sensible basis that it would give Capital a run for its money. The other went to Virgin, not because it was a strong competitor or because it offered something significantly different, but because Virgin was struggling to make its national AM licence work. According to Richard Eyre, the outgoing boss of Capital, Virgin's problems were more to do with what it put out over the air than the franchises that it held.

Capital's solution is to buy Virgin so increasing its dominance over commercial radio. But the authority should not let it. It should promote competition. Surely a strong competitor — like France's NRJ — might like to take over Virgin's franchise and attack Capital on its home territory of chart music.

Hopefully the Office of Fair Trading will refer this deal to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which might then block it. Otherwise this could turn into another of The Radio Authority's foul-ups, on a par with the LBC debacle.

The cognac lake

AS this column pointed out yesterday, the price that Bernard Arnault is demanding to bring *détente* to the relationship between his LVMH and GrandMet/Guinness could well be a sticking point. Well it appears that George Bull and Tony Greener are wise to look this particular gift horse squarely in the mouth. A large part of what is on offer from M Arnault is a share of an increasingly deep cognac lake.

Static sales hit shares in Somerfield

By Sarah Cunningham

SHARES in Somerfield fell 3 per cent yesterday after the supermarkets group, which floated a year ago, reported current like-for-like sales growth of just 0.2 per cent.

David Simons, chief executive, said that in the first eight weeks of this year food prices fell 1.4 per cent, while volume growth was 1.6 per cent. The shares closed 6p lower at 189½p.

In the year to April 26, the company's pre-tax profits rose from £92 million to £105.4 million. On a pro forma basis, pre-tax profits were £101.6 million. Like-for-like sales growth last year was 1.4 per cent, made up of 1.8 per cent inflation and 0.4 per cent volume decline.

Pro forma earnings were 26.6p a share (21.8p). The company will pay a final dividend of 6.8p, making a full-year total of 10.2p.

Earlier this week Somerfield sold 24 smaller stores to Spar at close to their book value of £2 million.

Somerfield, formerly known as Gateway, came to the market last year at 145p a share after twice lowering the issue price during the run-up to flotation.

Stores trading as Somerfield saw like-for-like sales grow 4 per cent last year. Stores converted during the year enjoyed an average sales uplift of 14 per cent, while those still trading as Gateway saw sales drop 5.4 per cent. Food Giant, the discount stores, had an 8 per cent drop in like-for-like sales.

The net operating margin rose from 3.2 to 3.6 per cent.

A further 85 Gateways were converted last year to reach a total of 432 by the year end. Within the next two years, all stores will be operating under the Somerfield or Food Giant names.

Three new Somerfield stores opened during the year. Two trial convenience stores on Elf petrol station forecourts opened last year. The company is planning to open a further seven stores this year. Investment in sites, systems, conversions and refittings of early Somerfield stores will be between £130 million and £140 million this year.

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Stanley races to a record

By Dominic Walsh

STANLEY LEISURE, the betting shop and casino group, shrugged off the "Dettori effect" to turn in profits before tax and exceptionals up by more than one third, to a record £20.1 million. Turnover for the year to April 27 rose from £318.1 million to £406.8 million.

Frankie Dettori's unprecedented seven winners in a row at Ascot in September cost Stanley's £2.25 million. This was more than compensated for by acquisitions and otherwise buoyant racing trading.

The casinos division had a difficult second half, which held back profits to £11 million, just 4.6 per cent ahead, though margins have improved in the current year.

The final dividend of 2.8p, due September 15, makes 4.0p for the year, up from 3.3p.

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Etam gives warning over losses

By Fraser Nelson

ETAM, the troubled women's wear retailer, gave warning that it expects losses to increase in the first half after an anticipated recovery in demand in June failed to materialise.

The shares fell 27p to a six-year low of 102½p, in spite of the company's assurances that the June figures were an aberration, and new data showing a 3 per cent increase in like-for-like sale over the past four weeks.

Lee Ginsberg, finance director, said: "June was disastrous for a number of specialist clothing people, and a lot of this was due to the weather. Although the good ones did really well, it was a difficult market for all of us."

Mr Ginsberg said Etam may seek funds from shareholders via a rights issue to cover the cost of giving its outlets a new look.

Antofagasta raising cash to develop mine

By Carl Mortished

ANTOFAGASTA Holdings, the Chilean mining and industrial group, is raising £120 million from its shareholders to help to finance the $1.3 billion (£778.5 million) development of the Los Pelambres copper mine.

Antofagasta also announced the sale of a 40 per cent interest in the project to two Japanese consortia for $256 million. Minera Los Pelambres, in the Chilean Andes, is believed to be the seventh largest copper mine in the world with reserves estimated at 1.7 billion tonnes.

Philip Adeane, managing director, said the copper project would transform the group. He said: "It will absolutely swamp it. It is going to be producing cash flows of over $800 million."

Antofagasta is placing 29.2 million stock units at 415p. Mr Adeane said Japanese proceeds would fund the company's 60 per cent stake.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Profit-taking stops bulls charging through 5,000

AN early assault on the 5,000 level quickly ran out of steam as the profit-takers moved in, leaving share prices nursing small losses at the close.

The FTSE 100 index came within seven points of its elusive target, encouraged by another positive performance overnight on Wall Street that saw the Dow Jones industrial average breach the 8,000 level for the first time.

But by mid-morning the index had seen a reversal of its near 29-point lead and with New York also succumbing to its own early bout of profit-taking, attempts at a late rally in London also fizzled out. The index closed 15.2 down at 4,949.0. Total turnover reached 1.1 billion.

City investors continued to chase the banks sharply higher. The gains this time were fuelled by a heady mixture of stock shortages and bid speculation. Once again the star turn was **HSBC**, up 26½p at £21.77½ as Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, set a target price of £25 and rival Merrill Lynch one of £24.

NatWest Bank also enjoyed a late flurry, with the price finishing 19½p higher at 893½p as more than ten million shares changed hands. This was in spite of Lehman reiterating its "sell" recommendation.

Whispers around the Square Mile claim **Prudential Corporation**, 1p lighter at 614p, is poised to offer £10.70 a share, valuing the troubled outfit at £18.3 billion. But brokers say the goodwill write-off that would accompany such a move was big enough to put even the most ardent suitor off. An approach by NatWest to **Abbey National**, up 12p at 891½p, earlier this year was rejected.

British Steel jumped 10¼p to a high for the year of 159¾p on plans to spend £155 million on a share buyback operation. The cash-rich group has asked Cazenove, the broker, to buy back up to 100 million shares at up to 155p.

LucasVarity eased 1½p to 190p after buying back one million of its own shares. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, paid 193p for the stock.

ICI rose 11p to 921p despite Dresdner Kleinwort Benson reiterating its "sell" stance. Instead, it has turned its attention to **BTP**, 1p higher at 283½p, **Croda**, 9p better at 295½p, **Laporte**, 2½p lighter at 611p, and **Allied Colloids**, 3p off at 118p. **Hanson** firmed 3p to 291p after a "buy" recommendation from Charterouse Tilney, the broker.

Marks & Spencer firmed 5½p to 592½p after shelling out £192.5 million on 19 stores belonging to the Littlewoods chain. A profits warning left **Etam**, the women's wear retailer, 27p down at 102½p. Sales fell "substantially" in June, because of the wet weather and will add almost £3 million to first-half losses. Last year losses in the first six months reached £5.76 million.

Plasmon, the optical disk makers, continued to reel from Wednesday's profit warning, with the price tumbling a further 34p to 58½p. That stretches the two-day deficit to 124½p. A first-half profits setback and a cut in the dividend left its mark on **Nightfreight**, down 4p at 32½p. This follows a profit warning in May from the new management.

High-flying **Micro Focus** slumped 142½p to £17.82 on learning of the resignation of Marcelo Gumicio as chief executive after only 18 months in the job.

The tobacco companies remained a dull market with **Gallaher** falling 10p to 251½p after ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, trimmed its profit forecast. There were also losses for **BAT Industries**, 12p to 537½p, and **Imperial Tobacco**, 2p to 366½p.

A return to the dividend list and increased profits were good for **Hi-Tec Sports**, 1½p dearer at 38½p.

Shares in **Stanley Leisure**, the betting shops group headed by Mike Kershaw, chief executive, remained unchanged at 310½p despite raising the pre-tax profits from £14.8 million to £19.4 million and the total dividend from 3.325p to 4.0p.

Two newcomers on AIM made headway on their debut. **Pycroft & Arnold** were placed at 55p and touched a high for the day of 64½p before settling at 57½p, a premium of 2½p. **Helicon Publishing** was placed at 125p by Henderson Crowthwaite, the broker, and touched 135p before settling at 126½p, a premium of 1½p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: There was a further flattening of the yield curve as longer dated issues easily outperformed the shorter end of the market. Dealers said the longer end was benefiting from the strong pound and the increasingly favourable inflation profile. Indec linked also performed well and the Bank was able to exhaust remaining supplies of the 2½ 2011 "tap".

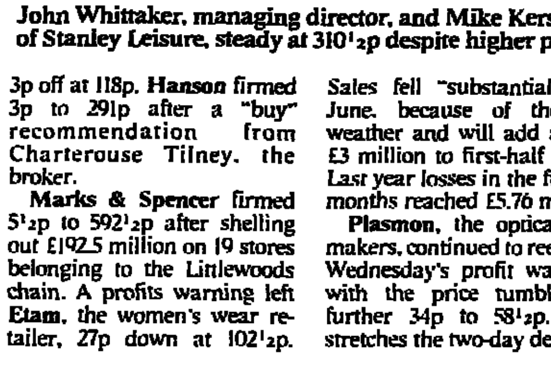
In futures, the September series of the long gilt put on £9/32 at £114 23/32 as 84,000 contracts were completed.

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was £7/16 higher at £110 5/16, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 closed up £1/16 at £102 19/32.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Blue chips resumed their climb by midday as more solid corporate earnings reports put a lid on early profit-taking. The Dow Jones industrial average, which pushed past the 8,000-point milestone on Wednesday, was up 10.69 points at 8,049.57.

PAUL COUSANS

John Whittaker, managing director, and Mike Kershaw, of Stanley Leisure, steady at 310½p despite higher profits



THE insurance sector has been overlooked by investors this year in their clamour to buy the banks. But that could all change soon, says Paul Goodhind, at NatWest Securities, before the interim dividend reporting season.

"They got off to a flying start to the year, but have given up since February for no real reason," he says.

Currency factors, funds flowing into the banks and a dull bond market have conspired to depress the insurers. But interim figures next month should make pleasant reading.

Headline profits will be depressed by currency losses, but dividend growth should average 10 per cent and, on an asset basis, the shares are regarded as cheap. "There is always a run up in the sector ahead of the interim season, which should provide some good numbers," Mr Goodhind adds.

He likes Royal & SunAlliance, up 17p at 488½p, and General Accident, 41p up at 947½p. Guardian Royal Exchange, unchanged at 294½p, is also thrown in by NatWest as a speculative play.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	8049.57 (+10.69)
S&P Composite	935.82 (-0.77)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	20519.25 (+160.51)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	15706.29 (+260.27)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	953.37 (-11.88)

Sydney:

AO	2669.70 (+23.30)

Frankfurt:

DAX	4227.31 (+26.07)

Singapore:

Straits	1920.54 (+2.65)

Brussels:

General	14248.65 (+55.75)

Paris:

CAC-40	2958.59 (-29.42)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1199.40 (-8.20)

London:

FT 30	3128.1 (Same)
FTSE 100	4949.0 (-15.2)
FTSE 250	4500.1 (+12.6)
FTSE 350	2349.0 (-4.7)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2732.98 (+16.94)
FTSE All-Share	2311.56 (-4.47)
FTSE Non Financials	2312.69 (-10.36)
FTSE Fixed Interest	125.15 (+0.27)
FTSE Govt Secs	97.08 (+0.20)
Bargains	59381
SEAQ Volume	1105.9m
US$	1.6720 (-0.0038)
German Mark	2.9964 (-0.016)
Exchange Index	104.7 (-0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.5132
£:SDR	1.2193
RPI	157.5 Jun (2.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	156.7 Jun (2.7%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIT	150½		...
Ashtenne	136½	+	1
Cammell Laird	109½	-	½
Delcam	267½		...
European Mng Fin	25		...
Galen Holdings	192	-	5½
Grosmont Hldgs	3		...
Grosmont Hldgs Wrts	1		...
Helicon Pubslg	126½		...
Hitachi Credit (UK)	148½	+	1
Primesight	130½		...
Pycraft & Arnold	57½		...
Reabourne Merlin	109		...
Royalblue Group	208½		...
SBS Group	109½		...
SGB Group	156		...
Woolwich	300	-	½

RIGHTS ISSUES

Brit Borneo Syn n/p	100		...
Dragon Oil n/p (2)	¼		...
HIT Entert n/p (270)	65	-	5
Mackie Intl n/p (20)	5½	-	2
MWB Group n/p (175)	½		...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Shield Diag	570p (+50p)
Kingsbury Grp	130p (+10p)
Photobition	560p (+35p)
Fired Earth	221½p (+10p)
Gen Accident	947½p (+41p)
Rolls-Royce	232p (+9½p)
Estates Agency	405p (+15p)
Royal & Sun Al	488½p (+17p)
Rank Grp	357½p (+12p)
Capital Radio	505p (+15p)
RMC Gp	959p (+24p)

FALLS:

Etam	102½p (-27p)
Evander	202p (-40½p)
Doeflex	217½p (-15p)
Telspec	197½p (-10p)
ISA Intl	179p (-7p)
Delphi	707½p (-20p)
Br Land	638p (-16½p)
BAT	537½p (-12p)
Scot & New	751½p (-15p)
Headlam	302p (-7½p)

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TEMPUS

New blend of Steel

A GREAT sigh of resignation seemed to emerge from British Steel's Millbank headquarters as it instructed its broker to purchase 100 million shares. Rude analysts have been pointing fingers at British Steel's £700 million cash pile for some time. However, the decision to return capital to investors has more to do with the state of the pound than a sudden conversion to balance sheet orthodoxy.

Gordon Brown's decision to redefine the price of debt versus equity in the last Budget may have had some influence. Debt now looks a cheaper funding option for high-yielding companies like British Steel as the removal of the dividend tax credit may force them to raise payout levels. But the real issue is the rating of the shares, which British Steel thinks is too low. Yesterday's buy-back should enhance earnings by about 3 per cent and the share price climbed but this should be no signal to follow US investors who have amassed almost a third of the company's shares.

British Steel is now competing in Europe with a millstone around its neck — the price of its product is some 25 per cent dearer in currency terms, endangering more than £2 billion of steel exports. More worrying than that is the possible damage to the domestic market. British Steel makes about 60 per cent of the steel consumed in this country and its market share has held, but its customers, too, must export their products. Faced with the same pricing problem there must be a temptation to set off the currency appreciation by sourcing raw material abroad. If British Steel begins to lose customers in the UK, its profits could disappear altogether.

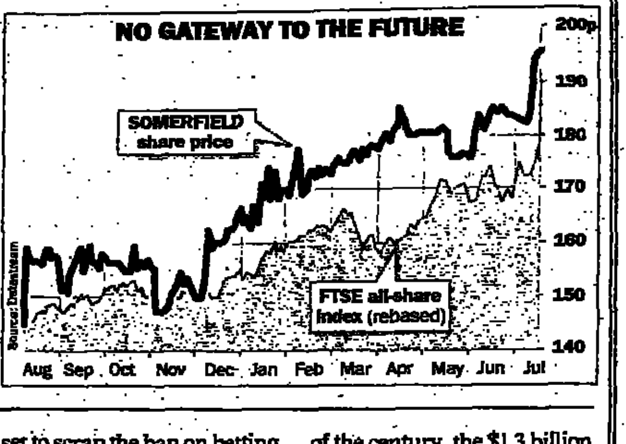
Somerfield

SOMERFIELD was in such a poor state when the current management took over that a bit of prudent gardening could only lead to improvement. Yesterday's results show the net operating margin has nudged up from 3.2 to 3.6 per cent and sales per square foot are on the increase. However, Somerfield will struggle to maintain the momentum.

Somerfield is making some progress growing the top line with its programme of converting old Gateways into new Somerfields. While the old stores had declining like-for-like sales of 5.4 per cent last year, the reborn Somerfields increased their sales by 4 per cent.

But the conversions, and the resulting increase in revenue will run out within the next two years. This leaves doubts about how Somerfield will continue to grow the top line. There are also long-term concerns about Somerfield's formula. Unlike the big supermarket operators, such as Tesco and Asda, Somerfield concentrates on neighbourhood, high street shops. While there is a place for these stores, they are hardly the future of the industry and they lack the economies of scale that provide Somerfield's rivals with bigger margins.

Somerfield is trading on a multiple of only 7 times earnings but after a year at this sort of level, and given the less than exciting prospects, it may be all it deserves.



Stanley Leisure

GAMBLING is risky, even if you own the betting shop — who could have predicted Frankie Dettori's winning streak? However, Stanley Leisure has come up with a successful formula for balancing out the fluctuations inherent in the business.

It has done this through lottery-style games such as 49's and betting on the Irish lottery, which between them account for 3.5 per cent of turnover, while the advent of fruit machines added almost £2 million to the bottom line.

Leonard Steinberg, Stanley's wily chairman, is keen on acquisitions and is watching to see what falls out of William Hill if Bass ends up buying the chain.

Then there are the potential benefits to be derived from the next stage of gaming deregulation — worth an extra £6 million to Stanley profits, according to analysts — and there is a suggestion that the new Government is set to scrap the ban on betting on the National Lottery.

It all sounds impressive. But it could be at least 2000 before the full deregulation benefits are felt, and there are worries that current-year racing division margins are slightly down when numbers games margins are so good.

Predicted pre-tax profits this year of £25.25 million would put the shares on 19.7 times earnings, a 25 per cent premium to the market. High enough.

Antofagasta

THE stock market will soon have to take a closer look at Antofagasta. Once dismissed as a bizarre play on the Chilean economy — the company owns a railway that transports copper ore from the Atacama Desert and has a stake in Banco O'Higgins, a major banking group. Yesterday, however, the company put into place the final pieces of a huge investment in a copper mine. By the end of the century, the $1.3 billion Minera Los Pelambres will dwarf Antofagasta's other activities, and the company has done a clever deal with two Japanese trading houses that enables it to secure funding for the project without losing control of the lion's share of the equity. In addition, the Japanese investors have agreed long-term projects to buy just over half of the mines output over a period of 12 years.

The Los Pelambres mine should be highly profitable: the anticipated cash cost of production of 43 cents per pound is low compared with a copper price yesterday of 109 cents per pound, and suggests that it should weather market price fluctuations well. Investors who buy today will have to wait for the payoff as production does not start until 2000 but by then Antofagasta might be looking at a demerger of its mining interests.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1015-1005	Sep	1120-1113
Sep	1024-1023	Dec	1125-1120
Dec	1054-1053	Mar	1145-1140
Mar	1074-1073	May	1164-1150
May	1088-1084		
Jul	1100-1098		Volume: 2448

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1582-1575	Mar	1535-1525
Sep	1601-1595	May	unq
Nov	1590-1585	Jul	[illegible]
Jan	1560-1555		Volume: 2517

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	320.2-19.2
Spot: 333.7		Aug	317.3-13.1
Oct	322.0-21.6	Oct	304.5-07.0
Dec	318.5-19.0	Dec	308.5-05.0
Mar	320.3-19.8		Volume: 1004

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB.	94.51	104.93	97.76
(+/-)	-3.54	-14.55	-2.58
Eng/Wales	84.51	105.16	96.56
(+/-)	-3.46	-14.07	-2.94
(%)	+6.0	+6.0	+14.0
Scotland	unq	103.24	102.2
(+/-)	[illegible]	-13.40	-0.11
(%)	[illegible]	+37.0	-6.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.90	+0.55
Brent 15 day (Sep)	18.75	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.80	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	20.20	+0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	20.15	+0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	194 (+2)	196 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	166 (+1)	167 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	83 (n/c)	86 (n/c)
Naphtha	181 (-5)	183 (+5)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	166.75-67.00	Nov	172.25-72.50
Sep	168.00-68.25	Dec	173.75-74.00
Oct	170.50-70.75		Vol: 15012

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	18.73-18.75	Dec	18.91-18.95
Oct	18.76-18.82	Jan	18.89-18.94
Nov	18.85-18.88		Vol: 37354

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	82.00	Sep	77.25
Nov	84.00	Nov	79.75
Jan	86.00	Jan	81.75
Mar	88.00	Mar	83.50
May	90.00	May	84.75
Volume: 163		Volume: 30	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	45.0
Mar	[illegible]	67.5
Apr	77.0	78.5
		Volume: 179

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug 61.75-62.25

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 97	1365	1355	1365
Aug 97	1330	1305	1330
Sep 97	1340	1330	1340
Oct 97	1459	1448	1453

Vol: 586 lots Open interest: 3475

Index 1372 (+3)

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2422.0-2424.0	2265.0-2266.0	190772.25
Lead ($/tonne)	631.50-632.00	642.00-643.00	409425
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1516.0-1517.0	1517.0-1518.0	[illegible]
Tin ($/tonne)	5405.0-5410.0	5455.0-5460.0	[illegible]
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	1576.0-1576.5	[illegible]
Nickel ($/tonne)	6625.0-6630.0	6725.0-6730.0	85542

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest 175790	Sep 97	114-21	115-05	114-16	114-23	96279
	Dec 97				114-11	0
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest 294406	Sep 97	102.65	103.03	102.60	102.80	170776
	Dec 97	101.75	102.08	101.75	101.90	793
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest 105414	Sep 97	135.90	136.75	135.84	136.44	54945
	Dec 97				108.40	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	125.12	125.22	125.06	125.22	1275
	Dec 97				124.610	
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.84	92.86	92.79	92.80	27246
	Dec 97	92.65	92.68	92.60	92.63	24267
Previous open interest 592958	Mar 98	92.57	92.60	92.52	92.54	11278
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest 1506954	Sep 97	96.78	96.81	96.78	96.80	24484
	Dec 97	96.66	96.70	96.65	96.67	50858
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest 364073	Sep 97	93.34	93.37	93.33	93.34	9562
	Dec 97	93.73	93.76	93.69	93.72	9164
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97				99.20	0
	Mar 98				99.01	0
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest 142142	Sep 97	98.46	98.50	98.38	98.40	14924
	Dec 97	98.32	98.35	98.25	98.26	9082
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest 37920	Sep 97	95.75	95.77	95.75	95.76	1543
	Dec 97	95.72	95.74	95.72	95.72	623
FTSE 100 Previous open interest 76166	Sep 97	5022.0	5055.0	4966.0	4980.0	18801
	Dec 97	5058.0	5059.0	4997.5	5042.5	110

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8½ Low 6½ Week fixed: 6¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible] ; 3 mth [illegible] . Sell: 2 mth [illegible] ; 3 mth: [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7-7	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6¾, close 7

Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.54	n/a	5.59	5.70	5.90
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $318.50-318.80 Close: $320.40-320.90 High: $320.40-320.90
Low: $318.10-318.60 AM: $318.75 PM: $319.40

Krugerrand: $319.00-321.00 (£190.00-192.00)

Platinum: $405.30 (£242.50) Silver: $4.23 (£2.52) Palladium: $175.50 (£105.10)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 17	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3665-3.3817	3.3717-3.3754	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Brussels	61.750-62.120	61.797-61.918	17-12pr	54-48pr
Copenhagen	11.394-11.449	11.404-11.414	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Dublin	1.1085-1.1167	1.1116-1.1138	4-3pr	23-16pr
Frankfurt	2.9897-3.0035	2.9917-2.9967	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	301.77-303.15	302.79-302.04	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Madrid	251.80-252.88	252.15-252.49	36-25pr	112-94pr
Milan	2906.9-2918.3	2910.7-2914.1	[illegible]pr-[illegible]ds	[illegible]pr-[illegible]ds
Montreal	2.2892-2.3021	2.2997-2.3021	0.09-0.07pr	1.40-1.32pr
New York	1.6656-1.6724	1.6709-1.6718	0.173-0.152pr	0.54-0.51pr
Oslo	12.372-12.488	12.372-12.387	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	10.103-10.146	10.116-10.126	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	12.962-13.078	12.963-13.003	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	193.46-194.40	193.87-194.14	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	21.045-21.137	21.063-21.085	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Zurich	2.4670-2.4779	2.4748-2.4779	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3574-1.3583
Austria	12.59-12.60
Belgium (Com)	36.94-36.99
Canada	1.3742-1.3747
Denmark	6.8219-6.8239
France	6.0480-6.0500
Germany	1.7910-1.7920
Hong Kong	7.7487-7.7497
Ireland	1.5040-1.5060
Italy	1742.00-1742.50
Japan	116.15-116.25
Malaysia	2.5890-2.5920
Netherlands	2.0162-2.0172
Norway	7.3955-7.4031
Portugal	180.81-180.91
Singapore	1.4588-1.4598
Spain	150.83-150.88
Sweden	7.7659-7.7734
Switzerland	1.4793-1.4798

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6723-1.6750
Australia dollar	2.2697-2.2726
Bahrain dinar	0.6245-0.6365
Brazil real*	1.8047-1.8092
China yuan	13.708-14.008
Cyprus pound	0.8755-0.8855
Finland markka	8.8325-8.9485
Greece drachma	469.50-476.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.9568-12.9662
India rupee	59.21-60.17
Indonesia rupiah	4105.0-4173.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5020-0.5120
Malaysia ringgit	4.3291-4.3367
New Zealand dollar	2.5470-2.5505
Pakistan rupee	67.25 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0250-6.1490
Singapore dollar	2.4394-2.4425
S Africa rand (com)	7.5690-7.6710
U A E dirham	6.0775-6.2015

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	928	Ladbroke	6,900
ASDA Gp	19,900	Land Secs	2,600
Abbey Ntl	4,300	Legal & Gn	7,500
Allnce & Leic	2,200	Lloyds TSB	13,000
Allied Dom	4,700	LucasVarity	5,200
AB Foods	945	Marks Spr	9,700
BAA	2,200	Mercury Ast	1,200
BAT Inds	8,300	NatWst Bk	10,100
BG	25,800	Nat Grid	19,000
BOC	711	Nat Power	6,600
BP	7,500	Next	1,400
BSkyB	1,600	Orange	1,500
BTR	7,200	P & O	2,600
BT	44,500	Pearson	1,600
Bk of Scot	4,500	PowerGen	2,500
Barclays	5,100	Prudential	1,800
Bass	2,600	RMC	244
Blue Circle	1,800	Railtrack	1,400
Boots	2,700	Rank Group	5,700
BAe	1,100	Reckitt Col	702
BA	9,700	Reed Intl	1,700
British Land	1,800	Rentokil	5,000
Brit Steel	112,500	Reuters	5,100
Burmah Cstl	1,100	Rio Tinto	3,000
Cable Wire	10,400	Rolls Royce	5,700
Cadbury	3,000	Royal & Sun	4,000
Carlton Cms	3,000	Royal Bk Sct	3,200
Centrica	9,600	Safeway	4,700
Cm Union	4,500	Sainsbury	3,200
Dixons	3,700	Schroders	399
EMI	2,200	Scot & New	9,400
Energy Gp	861	Scot Power	1,700
Enterpr Oil	1,900	Svrn Trent	418
GKN	719	Shell Trans	19,300
GRE	2,100	Siebe	990
GUS	1,500	SmKl Bch	9,200
Gen Acc	2,000	Smiths Inds	2,100
Gen Elec	5,800	Std Chartd	2,300
Glaxo Well	8,200	TI Gp	1,400
Granada	10,900	Tate & Lyle	2,700
Grand Met	9,600	Tesco	7,400
Guinness	4,000	Thames W	1,700
HSBC	4,400	Tomkins	6,100
Halifax	7,200	Unilever	1,600
Hanson	950	Utd Utilities	1,200
Hays	2,600	Utd News	4,000
ICI	6,400	Vodafone	4,600
Imp Tob	2,800	Whitbread	1,300
Kingfisher	5,700	Wolseley	709
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*Underlying security price.

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ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Shares to slide down 'slope of hope'

Markets have scaled the wall of worry and conditions favour a downturn

As I am about to spend my building society windfall on an exotic holiday, where I shall be safe from disgruntled readers' brickbats, I shall stray this week from the normal economic subjects into the dangerous territory of financial soothsaying that I usually reserve for the first column of each year.

Some of the forecasts that I made in January have as usual been wrong, while others have been broadly right. All the leading currencies have moved in the way expected, although the scale of the rise in sterling has exceeded the most bullish projections (and, I now believe, will continue to exeed them in the months ahead).

European interest rates, on the other hand, have completely confounded my forecasts. I assumed in January that investors would shun continental bond markets as they began to recognsie that European monetary union would produce the weakest and most erratically managed currency in the world.

Instead, European savers have been shovelling money not only into German, French, Italian and Spanish bonds, but even into such far-fetched "convergence opportunities" as the bonds of the Slovenian Government, some of which now yield less than half a percentage point more than US Treasury obligations of the same date.

The main financial questions on people's minds this week, however, are not about currencies or bonds. They are about the records being set almost daily by stock markets around the world. Will this sensational performance continue? Or does it presage an equally dramatic collapse?

Nobody knows, but a number of pointers suggest that, for the first time since January 1995, the risks of staying in these markets may now be greater than the risks of missing out on the next leg up.

The first point to note is that the fate of all leading stock markets apart from Japan depends on Wall Street. People who think that American shares are dangerous but that the risks can be avoided by investing in German or French shares are deluding themselves. If Wall Street crashes, so will every other market from Amsterdam to Hong Kong.

The extraordinary synchronicity of all equity markets, apart from Japan, is illustrated in the four charts. These show that British investors would have achieved the same returns in the long term whether they kept their money in London or sent it to New York, Frankfurt or Hong Kong. Experience also shows that short-term changes of direction, such as the 1987 crash and the 1995-97 boom, have generally occurred in all of these markets at the same time.

In speculating about the likely direction of world stock markets, therefore, we can concentrate on Wall Street. For the past two years I have disagreed with most financial commentators about Wall Street. Since January 1995, I have argued in this column that Wall Street was far from overvalued and would reward investors with impressive gains.

My reasons for optimism were simple. The US economy was in for a long period of rapid growth with high profits and low inflation, similar to the 1950s and 1960s. American companies looked competitive and the dollar was at the start of a secular bull market. Share valuations looked cheap in 1995 and were still attractive last year — at least to an eye unclouded by the obsession of British actuaries with dividends.

The almost unanimous view that share prices would automatically start falling the moment that interest rates started to rise was unjustified either by historical experience or by financial and economic theory.

In short, the economic climate was about as good for equities as it could be. Investors, however, refused to believe in this "new era". They were equally sceptical about a return to the postwar golden age of full employment and stable prics. Instead, they were constantly seeking evidence of the "stagflation" and social struggles taken for granted from 1973 to 1987. Month after month, surveys of investment sentiment showed most professional fund managers reluctant to invest and many predicting a crash.

The combination of gloomy investors and benign economic conditions is the classic formula for a long bull market with no serious corrections. Because investors are so sceptical, they are constantly underinvested. Every time the market falls back a little, the numerous investors who are kicking themselves for missing out on the last advance, jump at the chance to get into the market. Instead of baling out in panic, as the experts keep predicting, investors jump in with more money than ever as soon as they see the slightest sign of recovery. In traders' parlance, the market loves climbing "a wall of worry" and that is exactly what it has done since 1995.

By the start of this year, however, some of these propitious conditions began to change. With the Dow Jones industrial average at 6,600 (and the FTSE 100 index just above 4,000) equity prices in relation to GDP were still below their absolute records, but were near levels which had usually presaged big falls.

At the same time there were signs that professional investors were becoming more bullish — an alarming indicator, given their consistent record of getting the markets wrong. For these reasons, among others, I suggested in January that 1997 might prove to be the first disappointing year for equity investors since 1994. The dreaded crash was still implausible, since the main stock markets were not yet seriously overvalued — unless the markets advanced considerably further in the first half of the year.

A reasonable, but unexciting, forecast for 1997 was that Wall Street would end about where it started after a year of directionless range-trading. I did, however, suggest an alternative scenario which could lead to the same destination, but by a more exciting route. The route I proposed was a boom-bust cycle — a rapid gain of 20 per cent or so in the first half of the year, followed by an equally abrupt fall. We are halfway through the year and the rapid ascent has occurred. The Dow and the FTSE are both up 21 per cent since December 31 and other European markets have moved roughly in parallel. The question now is whether we will see the second phase of this boom-bust cycle, producing the first serious decline in equity prices since 1990.

My suspicion, for what it is worth, is that the conditions for such a serious setback may finally be in place. Share prices in relation to GDP are still below the peaks hit in late 1969 and 1972, but are higher than they have ever been apart from those two years. Investor sentiment, meanwhile, seems to be shifting.

After climbing the wall of worry for more than two years, the market finally seems to be getting complacent. The scope for big profit gains, either from above-trend economic growth or from expanding margins, is more or less exhausted. The technology, restructuring and globalisation stories have all been hyped *ad nauseam*. The professional investors who have been unremittingly bearish throughout the bull market are finally becoming more relaxed.

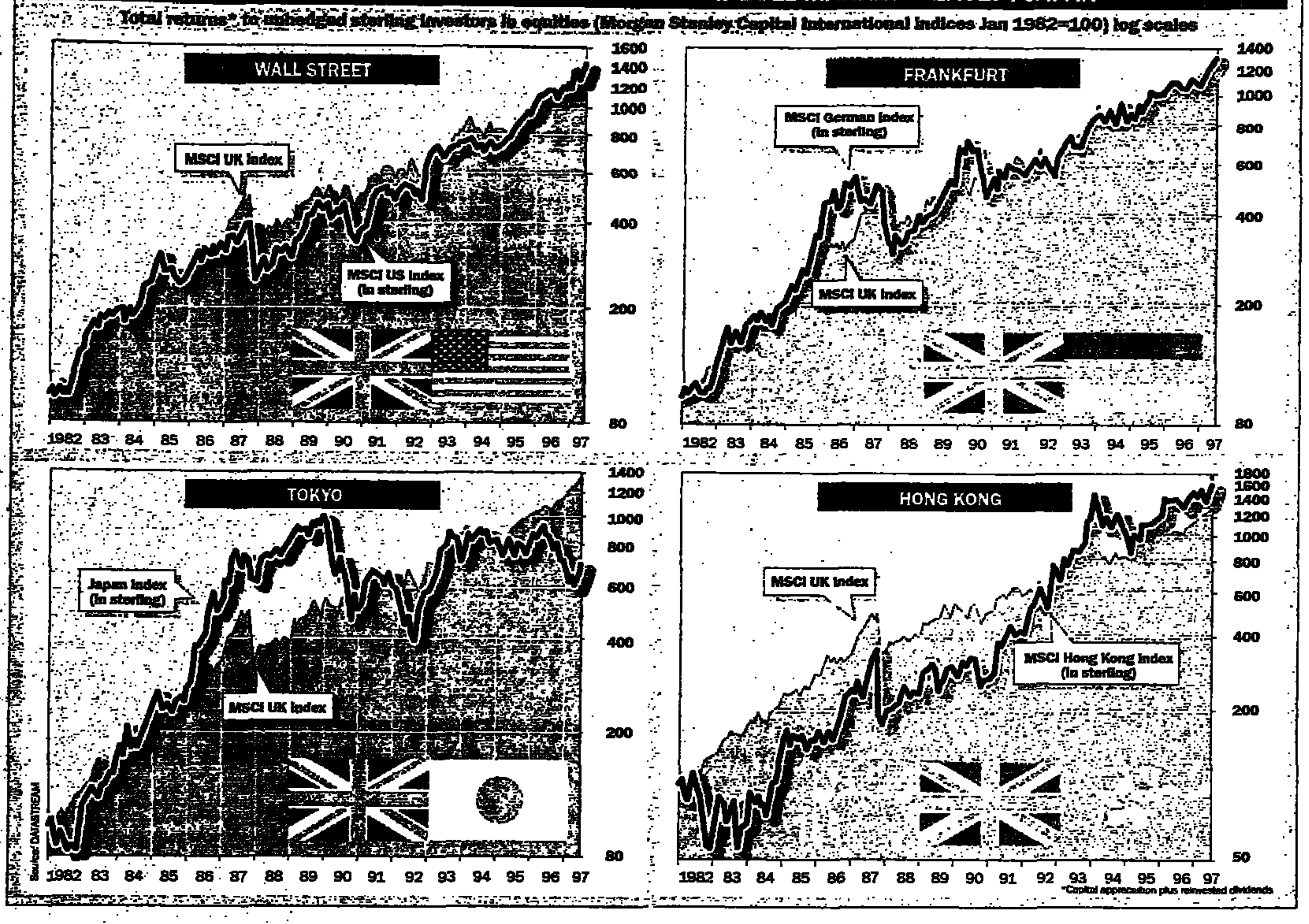
The latest Merrill Lynch-Gallup survey of US investment managers, responsible for $1,600 billion of funds between them, shows bulls outnumbering bears by a margin of 30 per cent — the highest such reading since February 1996. British, European and Japanese managers are also less sceptical than they have been at any time since early 1995.

The reason is not hard to understand. In March, the market suffered a 10 per cent swoon and numerous pundits predicted (as usual) that this was "the Big One". But prices rebounded even faster than they had fallen. Instead of the widely predicted panic sales by retail investors, the March setback inspired a buying panic by professional fund managers. As prices have soared through new records almost daily, many of Wall Street's most prominent sceptics have been forced to reconsider their bearish positions and to start admitting that the hopes of a "new era" may after all be justified.

To return to the traders' evocative jargon, the market may finally have climbed to the top of the wall of worry. If so, then investors should prepare for the next phase of this year's exciting journey — a slide down the "slope of hope".

EQUAL PRIZES FOR EVERYONE IN THE GREAT BULL MARKET — EXCEPT JAPAN

Total returns* to unhedged sterling investors in equities (Morgan Stanley Capital International indices Jan 1982=100) log scales



*Capital appreciation plus reinvested dividends

Irish punt soars too high for its own good

Its strength could jeopardise its prospects in EMU and the options are limited, says **Eileen McCabe**

THE famed 'Doheny & Nesbitt' school of economics, named after the Dublin pub much frequented by the city's economists, is decrying the attention-grabbing antics of the Irish currency.

"It's like a medallion man, strutting its stuff all over the place," said one commentator, who added that if the punt did not quieten down, it could get itself kicked out of its favourite hunting ground — the exclusive club of serious EMU contenders. Over the past week, the punt has threatened to do what most analysts thought was virtually impossible just four years ago. It has come close to breaking the very wide band limits set down for the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) in August 1993 after the European currency crisis.

Then, the original 2.25 per cent fluctuation band in the grid was replaced by a 15 per cent band, which its architects hoped was so wide that it would ensure a smooth run-in to the introduction of the euro. But earlier this week, the punt was pushed up to almost 13 per cent above the grid's weakest currency, the French franc. Under ERM rules, if the punt breaches the 15 per cent limit, then Ireland's Central Bank must intervene to try to bring the currency down. It could also opt for a revaluation within the grid.

The embarrassment of the Irish authorities over the punt's antics within the ERM is compounded by the fact that its upward surge is entirely due to the recent strength of sterling. This highlights once again the fundamental problem of a currency with ambitions to be a founding member of EMU, but which is inextricably linked in the minds of many market players with non-ERM sterling.

The markets, as usual, are half right. For most of its history, Ireland has played the role of being little more than a satellite of the British economy. Even after the widespread reforms of the 1960s, some 65 per cent of all of the republic's external trade was with Britain.

But in the past decade, all has changed. The recipient of massive US investment capital, Ireland has reduced the proportion of its trade with Britain by half. Now just 35 per cent goes to Britain and 65 per cent to the rest of the world. Ironically, Ireland is one of the few European countries that meets all the other criteria set down by the Maastricht treaty for monetary union.

For the moment that is of little comfort to the Irish authorities, whose room for manoeuvre is limited. They could revalue the punt within the grid so that its current central parity rate against the mark of DM2.41 is closer to its current market rate of just below DM2.70. However, many economists say such a move could prove disastrous over the longer term. They argue that sterling's recent gains are a temporary phenomenon and a reversal is on the horizon. This camp also argues that a revaluation within the ERM grid now could, in the event of a downturn in sterling, leave the Irish pound marooned at a high rate within the ERM and against the currency of Britain, its biggest trading partner.

Even worse, they point out, this scenario could lead to Ireland being locked permanently into the single currency at an uncompetitive rate since the Maastricht treaty expressly prohibits devaluation of euro contenders in the two years before the launch of the single currency in 1999. Typically, it appears the Irish authorities have decided to opt for the old policy of "wait and see what happens to sterling".

BUSINESS LETTERS

Pensioners well served

From Mr Geoffrey Wilson

Sir, As an actuary whose clients have been using simple tracker pensions for years, I welcome the Office of Fair Trading's advocacy of these. But I consider the criticism of the pensions industry (July 16) to be excessive and often misguided.

The UK has the best record in Europe (and probably the world) in providing secure, funded, pensions for more and more of its citizens. Those retiring today are immeasurably better-pensioned than their predecessors, and those retiring in future years will do even better. We have no demographic time-bomb, unlike our European Union partners. Of course all is not perfect, but our pensions industry, together with government, caring employers, and prudent employees, deserves credit, not easy jibes.

The biggest problem is providing sensible pensions advice — how much to contribute, which plan to choose. In a leader some years ago, *The Times* came up with the solution: plan members should be able to authorise payment from their fund for pensions advice, and not have advice fees bundled up with sales, investment and other charges. This change, and other sensible simplifications, can be introduced gradually. I am suspicious of ideas for a radical restructuring of the pensions industry, which could too easily throw out the baby with the bathwater.

Lastly, I fear the day when all pension funds are trackers — the stock market will then be at the mercy of rogues and City slickers. We need a number of independent fund managers willing to accept the responsibilities of ownership of company shares — but to survive, they need to earn our respect.

Yours faithfully,

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Tracking for safety

From Mr John D. Harsant

Sir, The statistics compiled by those who measure the performance of pension fund managers have demonstrated for some years the validity of index tracking. Not only does index tracking remove much of the cost of investment, it also removes the greatest risk — the judgment of the investment manager.

Thus, it is now possible, through the tracker funds, to invest in the economy as opposed to individual companies. It is plainly obvious that in the past such investment has been of greater advantage than in fixed interest. I hold that for real safety investment should be in the economy, not in fixed-interest securities.

A potential problem would arise if tracker funds were to take such a large share of the market that normal dealing would be reduced to such a level as to damage the normal pricing process.

Yours faithfully,

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Very fair shares

DOWN in Basingstoke they are a generous lot, I see. Henry Casley, who stepped down as chief executive of Southern Electric last September, was able to take away 21,062 shares in the group, worth more than £70,000. These were due under the long-term incentive plan, which was not supposed to pay out until September 1999. As Casley is now a non-executive, he is not actually entitled to them, but what are rules for, anyway? And now he has joined the remuneration committee he can at least make sure this sort of thing does not happen again.

"I don't like the sound of this"

● *THE increasingly eccentric Michael Hardern, the freelance butler who would like to run the Nationwide, has set his heart on another building society as well. Clad in a yellow hooded towelling robe and leather slippers — Hardern has been taking an experimental approach to his apparel of late — he marched into a branch of the Britannia in Kingsway, London, and up to a picture of John Heaps, the chief executive, which hangs on the wall above a message emphasising the building society's commitment to mutuality. He requested that staff ring Heaps and ask how much he wanted for the society. Hardern then invited the tellers to work for him once he is running the Nationwide. He was treated with great courtesy even though, as my informant points out, he is not actually a member of the Britannia.*

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Boarded up

UP THE junction and into the siding that time forgot. The railways may be shattered into a hundred pieces, but British Railways Board lingers on, like the smile on the Cheshire cat, in an office block in Euston. A colleague was there yesterday. It was like one of those films set the day after the end of the world. There are no trains left and no track, but British Railways Board cannot legally be put down except by Act of Parliament, and the Government has other priorities. So seven floors are still occupied, if only just. A few people wander to and fro, doing I know not what. John Welsby, the chairman, is guaranteed a chauffeur-driven Jag and a salary, £270,000 last year, until 1999 and free rail travel for life. The canteen still offers soup for 29p and cappuccino pudding for 30p. Life goes on.

Pitch battle

THE invites are going out for this year's Reuters rugby sevens at Richmond Athletic Ground on September 28, and 32 teams are again required from City firms. This year marks the tournament's quarter century, and the 25th year, too, that it has been organised by Keith Sheppard, with Hoare & Co until 1988.

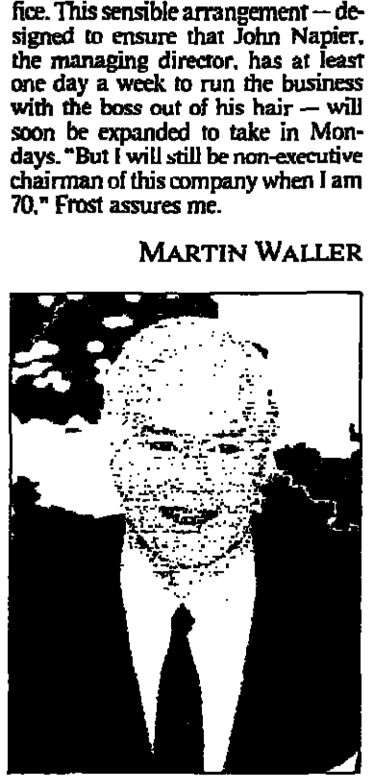
Reuters is sponsoring the event, which attracts a couple of thousand spectators, for the third year. Sheppard wants to establish contact with members of the original Lloyds Bank team that first won the event in 1973, so any of them reading this is especially welcome. Try to get along — it is worth it not least for the long-running and in no way friendly rivalry between bond traders Cantor Fitzgerald and Intercapital. The past couple of years they have missed meeting each other on the pitch, and deprived spectators and the paramedics in attendance of a treat.

Frost, sun, rain

TO THE Thames, and the sailing barge Cabby, property of Ronnie Frost's Hays. I had never made the link between the Hays Galleria on the south bank of the Thames and this services company which in fact used to own it, but there is still the odd Hays warehouse on the Thames. The barge, Hays property since time immemorial and a veteran of Dunkirk, is normally rented out, but every year Ronnie takes a couple of parties, of analysts and fund managers, down the Thames on consecutive days. This year, in an inversion of events in the real world, the analysts had the best weather, and the fund managers were rained on.

Ronnie tells me he has already, at 60, started the process that will eventually lead to his retirement. Every Friday he stays at home and communicates by fax and phone with the office. This sensible arrangement — designed to ensure that John Napier, the managing director, has at least one day a week to run the business with the boss out of his hair — will soon be expanded to take in Mondays. "But I will still be non-executive chairman of this company when I am 70," Frost assures me.

MARTIN WALLER



Hays: the countdown to retirement

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AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
01203 553 231

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
General Acc	803.70	855.10	+ 0.80	2.22
General Inc	666.80	709.40	+ 0.40	2.22
UK Growth Acc	556.90	592.50	+ 0.30	2.16
UK Growth Inc	356.00	378.80	+ 0.20	2.16
Higher Inc Acc	980.90	1043.80	+ 1.10	3.67
Higher Inc Inc	514.60	547.50	+ 0.60	3.67
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	221.80	233.30	+ 0.60	5.45
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	94.35	99.65	+ 0.30	5.45
Nth America	414.20	440.70	+ 5.70	
Europe	444.10	472.50	+ 5.90	
Brit Excell	111.00	118.10		2.29
Brit Fedelity Acc	134.70	143.40	+ 0.30	4.34
Brit Fedelity Inc	88.85	94.53	+ 0.24	4.34
Global Opps	116.30	123.80	+ 1.10	
Balanced Acc	72.44	77.07	+ 0.96	1.97
Balanced Inc	68.95	71.23	+ 0.88	1.97
Japan Acc	44.44	47.28	+ 0.32	
Pac Basin Acc	402.80	428.30	+ 8.58	0.07

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
0345 717 373

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilts & Fixed Int	136.00	144.30	+ 0.50	6.38
High Inc Equity	212.10	226.80†	+ 0.90	4.28
Worldwide Bond	265.80	281.90	+ 1.30	3.94
American Growth	491.40	524.70	+ 5.40	0.32
Asian Pacific	344.90	368.90	+ 2.30	0.37
Assets & Earnings	329.80	352.70	+ 1.80	2.65
Euro Capital Acc	230.00	256.60	+ 2.50	0.78
Extra Inc	43.84	46.64‡	+ 0.03	8.43
General	307.00	326.60	+ 1.60	2.81
Global Opps	82.70	87.90	+ 1.00	0.45
Japan	103.80	110.80	+ 0.30	...
Managed Inc	51.53	54.82†	+ 0.20	4.10
Mastertrust	192.20	205.60	+ 1.30	1.68
US Emerging Cos	205.60	220.10	+ 4.40	
Ethical	85.43	90.90†	+ 0.07	2.01
International	154.40	164.30	+ 1.30	0.53
Dividend & Growth	78.26	83.25†	+ 0.35	4.04
Global Gwth & Sus	76.82	82.15	+ 0.13	2.46
Latin America	96.07	102.20	+ 3.08	0.38
Capital Reserve	149.50	149.60		4.67

ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0141 275 9500

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
NSP UK Growth	106.80	113.60†	- 0.10	2.04
Equity Income	151.90	161.50		4.10
Extra Income	290.50	309.00	- 0.40	5.69
Smaller Cos	104.30	110.90	- 0.30	1.72
International	133.10	141.50	+ 1.00	1.33

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 220 0733

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Small Cos	2345.00	2448.00	- 23.00	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	161.58	173.69	+ 1.85	0.76
UK Equity	110.11	117.64	- 0.28	2.90
UK Equity & Bd	63.94	67.78	+ 0.11	5.29
UK Smlr Cos	51.81	55.42	- 0.02	1.70

CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS
0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Inv Fd Inc	882.58	895.90	. .	3.86
Inv Fd Acc	893.90	907.40		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	159.76	160.40		8.92
Fxd Int Sec Acc	163.39	164.05		

COIF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Investment Inc	864.45	877.51		3.97
Investment Acc	4117.24	4179.46		...
Fixed Int Inc	129.12	129.64		8.95
Fixed Int Acc	251.05	252.05		

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	89.47	94.29		5.31
Buck Bio-Tech	38.27	41.53†	+ 1.32	
Acorn Ethical Tst	194.79	204.55‡		0.45
City Fin Assets	85.07	89.29		1.86
City Fin Intl	95.75	100.55	...	0.06
Frans Hse Cap	334.11	355.44†		2.23
Buckley Wrld Grth	149.47	158.44		
Shaw Utilities	76.58	78.11	+ 0.20	4.45

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	64.73	68.68	+ 0.28	...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0345 772 233

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Grth	95.88	102.00	+ 1.93	
Dragon Growth	73.88	79.07	+ 1.14	0.75
Equity High Inc	107.41	113.66	- 0.26	3.33
-do- Accum	158.11	168.37	- 0.39	3.33
Extra Income Inc	27.63	29.08†	+ 0.05	6.52
Extra Income Acc	31.70	33.36	+ 0.06	6.52
European Grth	80.99	85.70	+ 1.02	0.18
Evergreen	34.64	37.04	+ 0.62	
General Equity	126.00	132.98	+ 0.08	2.40
Japan Growth	45.32	48.21	+ 0.37	
Pedigree Grth	73.36	77.65	- 0.35	1.99
Pnd Sm Cos Inc	38.89	41.15	+ 0.13	1.38
-do- Accum	41.65	44.07	+ 0.14	1.38
Retirement Inc #	32.18	34.23	+ 0.03	5.36
Special Sits	52.48	56.73	+ 0.01	2.68
UK & Overseas	71.12	75.26	+ 0.72	0.43

COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD
01634 898 000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	273.50	292.60	+ 4.80	
Income & Growth	258.40	274.90	+ 1.20	4.08
-do- Accum	422.80	449.80	+ 1.60	4.08
Intl Growth	478.40	509.20	+ 6.80	
-do- Accum	531.30	565.50	+ 7.70	
Japan & Gen	163.90	174.00	+ 1.30	
-do- Accum	165.60	175.70	+ 1.20	...
Monthly Inc #	224.10	238.40†	+ 0.70	4.36
-do- Accum #	230.40	245.10†	+ 0.80	4.36
Managed Port Inc	131.90	138.80	- 1.10	1.29
-do- Accum	145.00	152.60	- 1.30	1.29
Quarterly Income #	61.97	65.32	+ 0.13	5.07
-do- Accum #	73.29	78.35	+ 0.16	5.07
Recovery	353.30	378.80†	+ 1.60	..
-do- Accum	415.50	444.80†	+ 1.90	
Uk Growth	74.50	79.25	+ 0.10	1.79
-do- Accum	82.32	87.57	+ 0.11	1.79

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Dealing 01722 715695 Enq 01722 716834

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FP American	78.72	81.54	+ 1.34	
FP Am Smllr Cos	217.20	231.60	+ 4.13	
FP Asian Growth	290.00	318.90†	+ 3.90	
FP Australian	452.70	482.80	+ 6.70	
FP Equity Dist	536.60	572.30	+ 2.50	2.02
-do- Accum	1211.80	1291.00	+ 6.00	2.02
FP Euro Gth	370.30	394.50	+ 4.30	
-do- Accum	405.60	432.60	+ 4.70	
FP Intl Bond	55.93	59.18	+ 0.32	3.97
FP Intl Gth Dist	44.41	47.37	+ 0.48	
-do- Accum	65.73	69.57	+ 0.70	
FP Pac Basin Acc	234.20	249.80	+ 2.70	
FP Income #	66.92	71.38†	+ 0.37	4.40
-do- Accum #	243.20	259.40	+ 1.30	4.40
FP Jap Smllr Cos	243.20	259.40	+ 0.70	
FP Monthly Dist #	82.84	88.36†	+ 0.32	4.64
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20†	...	5.19
FP Tokyo	78.95	84.21	+ 0.28	
FP UK Focus	50.84	54.22	+ 0.26	1.38
FP UK Growth	237.30	253.10†	+ 0.80	1.63
-do- Accum	488.50	521.00	+ 1.40	1.63
Stewardship Dist	457.70	488.20	+ 0.60	1.45
-do- Accum	582.30	621.10	+ 0.80	1.45
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	78.52	83.75	+ 0.13	4.98
-do- Accum #	110.90	118.20	+ 0.20	4.98
N Am Stshp Dist	157.30	167.70	+ 2.60	
-do- Accum	169.30	180.50	+ 2.80	..
FP Exempt Trust (1000)F				
Inst Eqincd In #	117.90	119.40†	+ 0.50	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	120.10	120.70	+ 0.50	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grwth Acc	146.10	155.40	+ 1.50	0.54
Open Cap Gth Acc	147.90	157.30	+ 1.50	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	130.80	139.10	+ 1.10	2.66
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	140.10	149.00	+ 1.10	2.66
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	135.00	143.60	+ 1.00	3.62
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	146.30	155.60	+ 1.10	3.62

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
New Japan	83.55	88.23	- 0.78	

JUPITER UT MGRS LTD
0171 581 3020

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
World Health	203.70	216.70†	+ 2.30	
Income #	244.94	260.57‡	+ 1.06	3.98
UK Growth	93.98	99.97†	+ 0.46	1.85
Intl Growth	99.39	105.73	+ 1.73	0.53
Ecology	110.49	117.54	+ 0.59	0.74
European	241.99	257.43†	+ 2.33	0.19
Far Eastern	343.56	365.48†	+ 4.57	
UK Special Sits	60.85	64.98	+ 0.09	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	60.37	64.39	+ 0.27	0.58
High Income #	56.89	60.58	+ 0.13	4.61
Financial Opps	49.79	53.10	+ 0.25	

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
Dealers: 0171 956 7354

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	104.80	108.30†	+ 0.20	6.84
Euro Ptfy Inc	122.00	129.80†	+ 0.70	2.75
-do- Accum	132.20	130.00†	+ 0.50	2.75
Gilt Yield	123.20	129.90†	+ 0.40	6.23
Global Income	259.50	276.10	+ 1.40	2.90
High Yield	193.90	206.30†	- 0.70	4.52
-do- Accum	660.40	702.50†	- 2.60	4.52
Money Market	100.50	100.50†	+ 0.01	5.94
Smllr Cos Div	63.95	68.03	+ 0.01	3.80
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	1131.00	1149.00†	- 5.00	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	184.30	196.10†	+ 1.40	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smllr Cos	178.03	189.41	+ 0.65	
Pacific Smllr Cos	240.23	255.93	+ 2.73	...
North American	401.55	425.69†	+ 5.90	
American Smaller	206.74	219.86	+ 3.86	

HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income & Growth #	175.40	184.70	+ 1.40	4.61

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
0181 686 4355

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
British	148.59	156.50	+ 0.15	1.42
Capital	234.56	245.61	+ 1.51	1.13
Dollar	608.53	637.21	+ 7.12	..
Enterprise Gth	468.03	490.09	+ 2.07	0.71
European	337.02	362.00†	+ 6.08	
Far East	300.23	314.38	+ 3.48	0.63
Financial	1342.50	1405.85	+ 10.86	1.11
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.31	28.40†	+ 0.05	6.67
High Yield #	130.12	136.25†	+ 0.30	4.34
Income & Growth #	195.89	205.12	+ 0.41	3.20
International	335.65	351.48†	+ 4.37	0.25
Japanese General	187.81	196.66	+ 1.37	
Japan Tech	90.99	95.28	+ 1.19	...
Nat Resources	74.93	78.46	+ 0.77	0.41
Portfolio	93.25	97.64	+ 0.44	1.82
Special Sits	226.48	237.15	+ 1.27	0.19
UK Emerging Cos	128.33	134.37		1.28
US Smaller Cos	176.52	184.84†	+ 3.64	

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	744.80	794.90†	+ 1.20	4.78
UK Growth	636.60	692.80	- 1.90	1.71
High Income #	132.10	141.00†	+ 0.40	5.80
Active Funds-International				
American Grth	785.90	830.09	+ 17.30	0.25
European Grth	191.40	203.50	+ 3.10	..
Japan Grth	276.70	293.80	+ 1.80	
Japan Smllr Cos	28.91	30.85	+ 0.04	
Asian	64.40	68.73	+ 1.02	0.07
Sing & Malay Gwth	79.15	84.47	+ 1.05	..
Hong Kong Gwth	231.70	247.30	+ 4.50	0.13
Global Bond	20.58	21.68†	+ 0.14	4.84
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	200.40	201.40†	+ 0.28	3.07
Trade Index	132.20	135.70	+ 0.49	2.56
THE FOOTSIE FUND	81.99	82.40†	- 0.03	2.40
Index Funds-International				
American Index	371.10	373.00	+ 6.50	0.72
Eurotrack 100	249.50	250.80	+ 4.30	0.53
Japan Index	69.53	69.88	+ 0.57	0.13
Tiger Index	179.80	183.70	+ 1.90	0.64

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733
UK Specialist Trusts

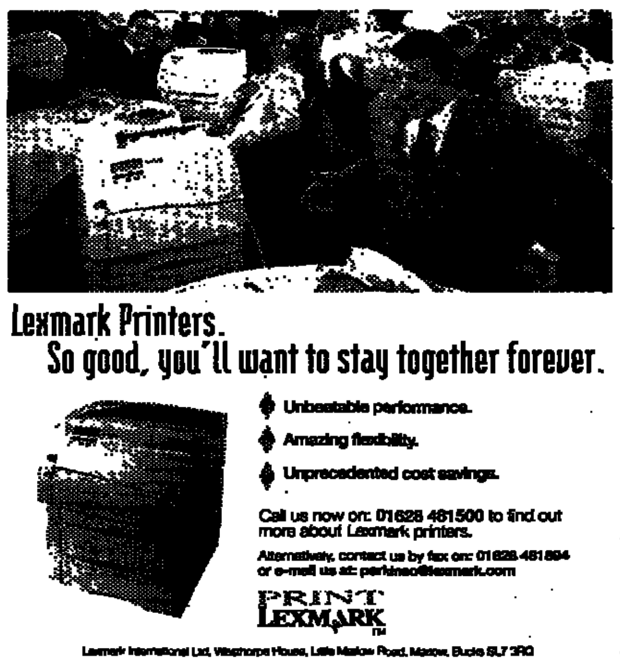
	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	213.70	226.30	.	4.82

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	127.56	135.70	+ 1.79	0.19
Intl Bond	60.98	64.05	+ 0.29	3.83
Intl Equity Growth	98.93	105.07	+ 1.16	0.40
N Amer Growth	168.17	178.41	+ 3.00	0.56
Special Sits Growth	32.54	34.61	+ 0.11	2.06
UK Growth	543.03	577.60	+ 2.50	2.47
-do- Accum	757.47	805.81	+ 3.48	2.47

MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD
01820 825867

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Fd #	1543.50	1565.00		2.70
Income #	1128.80	1137.80†	..	4.30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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	185.90	189.80†	..	3.63

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
0800 363432

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Inc #	101.30	104.40	+ 0.10	6.81
M & S Inv Ptflo	202.60	208.90†	+ 0.70	2.10
-do- Accum	245.50	253.10†	+ 0.80	2.10
UK Sel Ptflo	186.30	192.10†	- 0.10	2.12
-do- Accum	229.20	236.30†	- 0.20	2.12
UK 100 Cos	147.20	147.20	- 0.30	2.27
-do- Accum	150.80	150.80	- 0.40	2.27

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
01204 364 847

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Port	847.10	898.50	+ 3.30	4.03
-do- Accum	745.80	790.60	+ 3.90	4.03
Japan Growth	95.64	101.80	+ 0.50	...
-do- Accum	95.97	102.10	+ 0.40	
Master Trust	75.39	80.21†	+ 0.46	1.21
-do- Accum	88.58	94.24	+ 0.54	1.21
Millennium Acc	110.20	117.30†		2.05
N American Gen	302.10	321.40	+ 3.40	..
-do- Accum	349.70	372.10	+ 4.10	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	211.60	225.20	+ 4.00	
-do- Accum	216.60	229.80	+ 4.10	..
Pacific Basin	246.70	262.50	+ 2.20	0.40
-do- Accum	263.00	279.80	+ 2.50	0.40
Safety First Acc	107.90	118.60	+ 0.30	1.73
Do until 13/5/98 ‡	99.27			
Small Cos Rec	578.30	545.60	+ 0.10	1.95
-do- Accum	721.60	759.80	+ 0.10	1.95
UK Eq Gth	197.60	210.50	+ 1.00	2.23
UK Eq Inc #	157.00	167.10	+ 1.10	3.74
UK Growth	125.60	133.70†	+ 1.30	1.53
-do- Accum	160.40	170.70	+ 2.00	1.53
Worldwide Gth	407.70	433.80	+ 5.30	0.33
-do- Accum	603.10	641.60	+ 7.70	0.33

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
01392 282 673

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	111.43	119.00†	+ 2.00	0.50
General	128.28	137.56	+ 0.75	2.20
Income	85.87	92.13	+ 0.33	4.50
International	83.66	89.97†	+ 1.08	0.20
Japan	54.36	58.24	- 0.06	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	85.20	91.41	+ 0.45	0.60

M & G SECURITIES
Gen Secs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	628.70	663.80	+ 8.80	0.10
-do- Accum	787.90	831.60	+ 11.10	0.10
Amer Recovery	750.30	793.40	+ 14.80	...
-do- Accum	867.70	917.50	+ 17.10	
Amer Smllr Cos	185.70	196.40†	+ 4.00	...
-do- Accum	189.70	200.60†	+ 4.10	..
Australasian	218.50	231.10	+ 2.30	2.00
-do- Accum	277.00	293.10	+ 3.00	2.00
Capital	1044.10	1104.10	- 3.60	2.76
-do- Accum	1250.60	1332.00	- 3.50	2.76
Charifund	890.40	898.40	- 3.90	5.38
-do- Accum	4765.60	4814.30	- 20.80	5.38
Commodity	455.30	481.50	+ 3.00	0.55
-do- Accum	673.20	712.00	+ 4.40	0.55
Compound Gth	1235.60	1306.60	- 3.00	2.69
-do- Accum	1381.60	1461.20	- 3.30	2.69
Corporate Bond	27.47	27.57†	+ 0.11	6.79
Dividend	49.00	51.80	- 0.19	4.98
-do- Accum	225.80	238.90	- 0.50	4.58
Equity Income	348.40	368.40	- 0.90	5.33
-do- Accum	493.60	522.00	- 1.30	5.33
Euro & General	756.30	799.80†	+ 6.70	0.42
-do- Accum	976.10	1032.30‡	+ 8.80	0.42
Euro Dividend	94.00	99.40	+ 0.50	3.32

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	108.30	113.40†	+ 0.30	4.25
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	168.00	178.70†	- 0.20	1.65
European Growth	166.50	176.50†	+ 1.30	...
Gilt & Fixed	107.90	114.40†	+ 0.40	6.14
Income	124.70	132.70†	+ 0.20	3.90
Japan Growth	45.16	47.87†	+ 0.60	
Managed	95.78	101.98†	- 0.30	2.35
Money Market	99.24	105.20†		5.19
North American	136.60	144.80†	+ 2.85	
Midland PSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	152.30	162.60†	- 0.20	1.65
European Growth	156.10	165.50†	+ 1.10	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	101.00	107.10†	+ 0.30	6.15
Income	122.20	130.00†	+ 0.20	3.89
Japan Growth	45.03	47.73†	+ 0.59	
Managed	92.03	97.90†	+ 0.26	2.33
Money Market	91.42	96.93†	+ 0.02	5.19
North American	122.40	129.80†	+ 2.50	..
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	151.20	160.80†	- 0.20	1.65
European Growth	152.60	161.80†	+ 1.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	90.90	96.40†	+ 0.36	6.15
Income	119.00	126.60†	+ 0.20	3.88
Japan Growth	46.22	49.10†	+ 0.58	...
Managed	94.94	101.00†	+ 0.40	2.39
Money Market	82.84	87.83†	+ 0.02	5.20
North American	137.80	146.10†	+ 3.10	

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	570.60	603.60†	+ 0.40	
European Gth Inc	654.10	695.80†	+ 2.50	
-do- Accum	661.20	704.40†	+ 2.60	
Intl Gwth	277.70	293.90	+ 3.40	..
UK Equity Inc	250.60	265.80	+ 0.70	3.80
Do. Accum	347.25	369.50	+ 1.00	3.80
UK Growth Inc	148.70	157.10	- 0.10	3.04
-do- Accum	154.30	162.00	- 0.10	3.04
UK Ind Trdr Inc	235.40	249.00	+ 0.10	2.70
-do- Accum	291.70	311.20	+ 0.20	2.70
US Eq Ind Tk Inc	356.10	378.40	+ 6.60	0.06
Japan Topix	84.82	89.48	+ 0.70	
Asian Trader	231.90	250.40	+ 2.70	0.28
Mngd Ptflo Inc	210.60	224.30†	+ 0.40	1.58
Mngd Ptflo Acc	233.10	248.30†	+ 0.40	1.58
Deposit Inc	100.07	100.07†	+ 0.01	6.47
Europa	272.40	291.20	+ 1.20	...
Growth	215.40	231.90	- 0.20	2.45
High Income	21.22	22.49†	+ 0.02	10.00
Japan Growth	98.71	102.60	..	...

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
0345 090 933

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	122.00	124.60	+ 0.70	1.85
Acumen Inc	109.80	113.10	+ 0.60	1.85
Acumen Reserve	102.70	103.60	+ 0.40	6.85
-do- Inc	78.07	78.63	+ 0.27	6.85

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	156.10	166.10†	+ 0.40	1.69
-do- Accum	176.30	186.60	+ 0.60	1.69
Technology	817.10	860.20	+ 22.10	...
UK Blue Chip	107.00	113.80	+ 0.20	2.78
-do- Accum	126.00	134.10	+ 0.30	2.78

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
UT Dealing: 0345 400000 Client Enq: 0345 555500

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed Fd	50.41	52.34	+ 0.23	1.72
Cash Haven Inc	101.84	102.13	+ 0.01	6.97
Cash Haven Acc	122.65	123.26	+ 0.02	[illegible]
Dist Trust Inc	114.80	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dist Trust Acc	134.49	[illegible]	+ 0.25	[illegible]
Global Growth	121.02	[illegible]	+ 0.57	1.03
Equity Inc	97.31	103.52	- 0.16	4.43
Equity	1040.73	1107.10	+ 0.31	2.08
European	326.37	347.52†	+ 4.62	0.45
High Income	102.79	109.61†	+ 0.08	4.80
Intl Grth	240.58	264.07†	+ 2.65	0.78
Intl Sm Co	104.57	111.24	+ 0.90	0.40
Japanese	130.80	139.47	[illegible]	...
Mgd Income Tst #	48.06	51.52†	+ 0.07	7.08
Nth Amer	265.86	286.14	+ 3.86	0.90
Pacific Mkts	117.01	121.25	+ 1.72	1.12
Premier Inc	49.30	50.89†	+ 0.11	6.13
Sm Cos	109.38	116.37	+ 0.19	1.07
Spec Sits	143.80	153.07†	+ 0.83	2.18
UK Growth	177.11	188.41	+ 0.94	2.05

QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
0171 407 5998

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
HI Inc Inv Inc	95.70	100.11	+ 0.46	3.28
Investment Trust	128.55	135.17	- 1.81	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	110.19	115.87‡	- 0.18	1.83

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
01892 510 033

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
British Life	409.88	434.70	+ 2.19	2.35

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	887.21	938.30	+ 15.58	
America (Acc)	1088.54	1108.58	+ 18.23	..
Amer Smllr Cos	75.90	80.69	+ 1.36	
Asia	55.18	58.03	+ 0.26	..
European	500.23	538.79	+ 7.35	...
Japan	217.08	231.22	+ 1.54	
Jap Smllr Cos	32.17	34.34	- 0.25	..
Major UK Cos	140.21	148.41	+ 1.16	1.46
Smllr UK Cos	438.74	478.11	+ 1.59	1.12
UK Equity Inc #	208.33	222.49	+ 1.54	3.90
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	53.58	55.87†	+ 0.68	
Cash	48.15	50.14†		2.92
Emerging Mkts	57.23	59.77†	- 0.63	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	390.80	422.70	+ 4.58	2.19
[illegible]	595.40	629.80	+ 6.20	0.25
[illegible]	386.60	410.50	+ 1.90	...
[illegible]	298.50	316.50	+ 2.00	0.14
[illegible]	324.10	342.40	+ 2.30	0.14
UK Spec Sits Inc	140.80	158.30	+ 1.10	1.83
South East Asia	218.70	231.00	+ 0.10	0.24
Cash Trust Inc	100.00	100.00	+ 0.10	5.92
UK Equity Gen Inc	123.40	130.40	- 0.10	1.99
-do- Accum	128.90	[illegible]	- 0.20	1.99
[illegible]	86.30	90.97		4.78
[illegible]	88.71	93.95	[illegible]	

[illegible]
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	198.30	207.20†	+ 3.10	0.35
Nth American	168.50	177.90†	+ 2.30	...
Intl Bond & Cmdty	130.20	137.30	+ 0.30	6.35
Pooled Pension	271.70	292.20	+ 1.30	1.86
Smaller Cos	118.70	124.80	- 0.30	0.91
UK General #	198.80	204.90	+ 0.80	2.23
Far Eastern	91.22	96.42	+ 0.55	0.19

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
0171 626 0238

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Continental	108.40	114.10	+ 1.40	0.87
Global Gwth	91.67	96.84	+ 0.73	1.04
Inv Tst Port	82.40	87.30	+ 0.34	2.28
Managed	1473.93	1545.84	..	1.50
Pref Inc #	107.20	114.00‡	+ 0.20	6.94
Smaller Cos	280.00	297.40‡	- 0.80	0.82
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	100.50		- 0.42	4.54
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.85		- 0.02	6.08
Corporate Inc ‡	100.12		- 0.06	5.79
Intl Port ‡	122.33		+ 1.12	
Asian ‡	90.90	...	+ 3.34	..
Amer Gth Fund ‡	105.37	...	+ 3.13	...
European ‡	104.61	..	+ 2.80	
Global Bond ‡	99.22	....	+ 0.25	6.65
Samurai ‡	58.91	...	+ 0.12	...
UK Growth ‡	122.07		+ 0.46	2.54
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	96.24		- 0.09	3.25
Investment Trust ‡	123.80		+ 0.48	2.18
The Football Fd ‡	68.60		+ 0.07	..
Banana Roll Up ‡	98.06			

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
0171 637 5377

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	516.20	546.20	+ 6.20	
Capital	166.70	176.40	+ 2.10	1.01
Cash	101.53	101.52	+ 0.01	5.98
European	195.16	206.30	+ 2.80	0.40
Far Eastern	174.30	184.45	+ 0.48	..
Growth	189.10	200.18†	+ 0.88	1.35
Income #	156.80	164.80	+ 1.20	4.90
Magnum	171.80	181.80†	+ 1.80	1.95
Smllr Secs	604.20	639.30	- 2.20	0.15
Thoroughbred	202.80	214.60†	+ 2.30	1.25

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TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
469	407½	Allied Domecq†	449½	- 7	6.0	13.5
526	467½	Bulmer (HP)	472½	...	3.9	...
79½	44	Burn Stewart	45	...	9.4	11.2
1040	865	Glenmorangie A†	872½		1.7	24.0
627	425½	Grand Met	625½	+ 4	3.0	19.9
627	424	Guinness	621	+ ½	3.2	17.7
380	221½	Highland Dist	331		3.2	16.5
336	235	Matthew Clark	239½	- 1½	12.5	11.4
109½	52½	Minydon W	66½	- 1	5.9	..
1978¾	1482½	SA Breweries	1840¾	- 6¼	2.0	..

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1178¾	918½	ABN-AMRO	1063¾	+ 8¾	2.8	
971	718	Abbey Nat	891½	+ 12	3.7	16.8
655	532½	Alliance & Leic	622	- 4	3.3	15.3
525	360½	Allied Irish	522	- 3	3.5	14.8
451½	363½	Ans New Z	437½	+ 8½	4.3	
4150¾	2873	Bank America	4140¾	+ 165¾		
443½	291½	Bank Scotland	437	- 1	2.4	13.8
1308½	978½	Barclays	1309½	+ 26	3.0	13.7
742	517½	Bk of Ireland	742	+ 6½	2.8	...
7809¾	6005½	Citicorp	7534¾	+ 53¾		
1756¾	1269½	Commerzbk	1818¾	+ 9¾	2.8	...
862½	559½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	787½	+ 18½	0.6	...
3639¾	2708½	Deutsche Bk	3590¾	+ 17½	1.7	...
1185¾	750½	Espirito Santo	1185¾	+ 62½	3.1	...
947½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	853	+ 21½	0.5	...
2215	1272½	HSBC	2177½	+ 29½	2.4	18.9
2137	1241	HSBC HK	2107½	+ 34	2.4	18.3
783	714	Halifax	766½	- 3½	2.8	22.6
610	483½	Irish Perm	590	+ 18	2.7	
733½	424	Lloyds TSB	707	- 9½	2.3	22.9
868¾	689½	Nat Aust Bk	847½	+ 8½	4.8	12.0
890½	593½	Nat West	880½	+ 19½	4.1	13.4
863½	508	Ryl Bk Scott	844½	+ 2½	3.8	13.9
1053½	681	Stand Chart	1035	- 3½	1.8	18.6
£164¾	£164¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾		1.0	...
374¾	315½	Westpac	349½	+ 4½	4.2	...
373½	291½	Woolwich	300	- ½	3.3	17.9

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	717½	Bass†	844½	- 15	3.8	16.6
69½	43½	Bt for the Bdr?	45		5.1	...
205	144½	Burtonwood Brw	147½	- 1	4.8	13.3
155½	123	City Centre Rest	129	+ ½	2.4	21.4
744½	596	Compass Gp	625	- 2½	1.8	22.8
305	250	Eldridge P 'A'†	289		2.4	15.9
465	435	Fuller Sm 'A'	440	- 2½	2.8	15.3
506	422½	Greenalls Grp	464	- 2½	4.3	11.5
750	642	Greene King	726	+ 1	2.8	..
237½	164½	Grosvenor Inns	172½		4.4	16.7
285	218½	Groupe Chez Ger	274½		1.3	28.9
298½	261	Hardy Hanson†	273½	+ 2	3.8	12.2
2850	2700	Hall J	2782½		2.7	16.3
78	63½	Inn Business	68		3.0	10.8
357	332	Mansfield†	333½		2.8	..
315½	252	Marston Thomps†	279½		3.6	..
615	515	Morland†	517½		3.1	19.3
268½	210	Old Eng Pub	254½	- 1	1.0	32.8
47½	28½	Pasmoors?	30½			
620½	527½	PizzaExpress	620½	- 1	0.6	40.5
437½	337½	Ransoms (HH)?	375	- 2½	1.7	38.2
378½	262½	Regent Inns	279	+ 3½	1.2	26.7
768½	627	Scot & New	751½	- 15	3.8	15.8
289	248½	Vaux Group	288	+ ½	4.7	13.8
1392½	1105	Wetherspoon JD	1387½		0.8	31.0
863	738½	Whitbread	845	- 17½	3.5	15.5
786½	582	Wolverhampton D	592½		3.7	12.9
531	419½	Yates Bros†	521½	- 1	1.0	27.9
782½	615	Young 'A'†	697½		2.7	27.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

BUILDING MATERIALS

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
485½	387½	Electrocomponents	442½	- 1	2.2	24.9
229½	125	Eurodis Elec	125	- 3	5.0	17.8
97½	78½	European Mtr	90		6.1	7.7
263	213	Evans Halshaw	227½		9.1	
53½	39½	Fife Indmar	39½		10.4	7.9
387½	318½	Finelist Grp	318	- ½	2.6	16.2
34½	25½	Gardiner	28½		4.6	9.8
79½	57½	Glenchewton	65½	+ ½	2.8	12.8
110	82½	[illegible]	98	+ ½	3.8	22.3
15¾	11	HR Owen	14	+ ½	5.9	12.7
103	20½	[illegible]	28		27.2	2.6
287½	232½	Harris (Philip)†	240½		5.2	9.3
320½	284½	Headlam	302	- 7½	2.4	19.9
180	145	Holders Tech	160		5.1	14.6
240½	179	ISA Intl	179	- 7	2.0	14.5
308½	240½	Inchcape	280½	+ 1½	4.5	17.8
72	49½	Jacks (Wm)	64½		4.4	10.0
276	214½	Kwik-Fit	276	+ 3½	2.5	19.8
388½	310½	Lex Service	302½		5.1	12.9
122	100	Lookers	107		9.8	7.5
9	5½	Middleton	7½	- ½	17	13.9
41½	18½	[illegible]	15½	+ ½	9.8	3.2
472	180	[illegible]	256	- 11½	4.2	
165½	114½	Northamber	131	...	1.3	7.8
352½	305½	Perlico?	325½	- 1	3.1	17.1
404½	342½	Pendragon	356½	...	8.5	16.5
229½	185½	Perry Gp	188½	...	6.8	8.8
751	448	Premier Farnell	476	+ 7½	3.2	17.8
152½	124½	Quicks Group	136½	..	8.4	8.2
357	307½	[illegible]	350	...	1.4	45.1
2½	1½	[illegible]	2			23.3
28	12½	Ronson	14½	...	2.2	
4	1½	Ross Gp	2			
109½	78½	Ryland	86½	...	6.8	15.5
36	24	SEP Ind	32	- ½	6.1	14.6
92½	55	[illegible]	38	- 1½	4.2	
415½	284½	Time Products†	288½		5.2	11.1
337	228	UMECO†	325	+ 5	2.1	21.1
77½	59	United Carrs Gp	77	+ ½		16.7
362½	280½	Vardy (Reg)	280½		3.4	13.1
685	408½	[illegible]	663½	- 1½	2.5	24.1
41	25½	[illegible]	30½		3.5	..
172½	111½	Wyko	111½	- 2	3.0	13.0
154½	119½	Young (H)	142	..	3.8	12.1

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

ELECTRICITY

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

ENGINEERING

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
227½	108½	Six Hundred†	109	- ½	5.7	2.5
832½	708½	Smiths Ind	737	+ 5½	2.8	17.3
737½	595	Spirax-Sarco	604	+ ½	3.1	15.9
303½	241	Sterling Inds	241	- 2½	5.2	11.7
584½	450	TI	507½	- 3½	3.6	16.9
116½	101½	Tinsley (E)	111½		7.1	
120½	92½	TraveLec?	92½		3.2	13.1
208½	144½	Triplex Lloyd	158½		5.5	
220½	150½	Unicorn Intl	217½		3.6	
77½	48½	Utd Inds	51½		5.8	14.9
273½	169½	Vickers	180½	+ 6½	5.0	10.8
10½	8½	Villiers Grp	10	...	...	
712½	514	[illegible]	517½		2.9	9.4
852	745	Vosper Thornyl	746		4.4	12.0
350	213½	Wagon Ind	221½	- 1	6.9	11.0
263½	203½	Weir	232	- 1	4.3	13.3
259½	212½	Wellington Hdg	212½		4.8	12.5
33	23	Wellman	29½		8.3	8.8
61½	45½	[illegible]	51½	- ½	2.7	17.1
689	525	Whatman	655½		2.5	19.8
85½	30½	Widney	31½	...	14.3	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
140	98	Adwest	99		9.8	13.9
197	180	Airflow Stream†	180		5.6	11.4
757	585	Avon Rubber†	585		4.9	12.1
285	227½	[illegible]	275		3.2	11.4
107½	98	Britax	108½	- ½	4.4	13.9
762	657½	First Tech	735	+ 2	1.9	..
1064½	807	GKN	1029½		3.2	..
3653¾	3237½	General Mtr	3312½	+ 15	3.6	
583½	416½	Hardys	449		4.2	10.6
2051	1540½	Honda Motor	1982	+ 7½	0.4	..
413½	312½	Laird	349½	+ 4	4.8	9.7
228	189	LucasVarity	190	- 1½	3.6	19.1
165½	131	Mayflower	148	+ 1	1.9	27.9
172½	127½	Syltone	147½		5.6	
179	123	T & N	151½	+ 5	5.0	..
85½	32½	Toad	40			
339½	235½	Trinity Hldgs†	257½		4.3	12.5

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WATER

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115½	84½	Abacus Recruit	110½		0.6	21.4
215	170	Cafe Inns	186		1.6	14.3
230	153½	Country Gdns	183½	- 1	1.1	17.0
252½	180	Dawson Hldgs	211½	...	2.8	20.4
51½	36	Freepages	39½	- ½		..
99½	88½	Megalomedia	93½	- 1½	0.3	
65	30½	Memory Corp	31½			
390	280	Peque Rd	327½	- 7½		
1265	945	Ramco Egy	1112½	+ 28	0.1	
784	619½	Southern News	748½	+ 2	3.0	24.3
72½	65½	Southern Vectis	72½	...	3.3	15.6
510	410	Surrey Fr Ints	441½	- 2	0.7	30.5
60½	20	Truscott	24½	- ½		

Source: FT Information

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	[illegible]		7.80	6.74
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.73	6.46
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]		14.68	6.65
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.62	6.80
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]		7.24	6.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]	...	13.26	6.98
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	14.16	7.09
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.31	7.08
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]		9.20	7.10
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]		11.34	7.11
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	[illegible]		9.93	7.08
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MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.80	7.16
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[illegible]	101	Treas 8% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.44	7.05

LONGS (over 15 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.72	7.06
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.64	7.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.25	6.79
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.33	7.04
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2015	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.25	6.98
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.30	7.03
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UNDATED

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.04	
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1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

BBC PROMS. The season opens tonight with Beethoven's magnificent *Missa Solemnis*. Bernard Haitink conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra with the BBC Symphony Chorus and the BBC Singers. Soloists include Karita Mattila and Anthony Michaels-Moore. Tomorrow the Orchestra of the Age of the Enlightenment and the Choir of the Enlightenment under Nicholas McGegan perform arias by Mozart coupled with Schubert's *Die Verschworenen*. Sunday offers an evening with the Ensemble Modern under John Adams, in a programme featuring works by Steve Reich, Philip Glass and Frank Zappa.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Performances at 7.30pm Ⓢ

KIROV BALLET: The first of three performances in the company's London season of *The Sleeping Beauty*, Petipa's delightful work based on Perrault's fairy-tale. Specially created for the Kirov in 1890, it is still pure magic.
Coliseum St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300). Tonight, 7.30; tomorrow, 2pm and 7.30pm Ⓢ

HER SISTER'S TONGUE: Two women and a man sleeping with one but due to marry the other. Janet Goddard's new play for award-winning Plain Clothes Productions, set in Middle England and directed by Jacquetta May.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 8701). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until August 9 Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

CARDIFF: Coinciding with the BBC Proms' opening night in London the **Welsh Proms** season kicks off here tonight with a concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in a programme of Strauss, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky. Tomorrow the BBC Philharmonic, the Hallé Choir and Huddersfield Choral Society perform works by Vaughan Williams, Elgar and Walton. Owain Arwel Hughes conducts.
St David's Hall, The Hayes, (01222 878444). Performances at 7.30pm. Ⓢ

CHELTENHAM: The Cheltenham International Festival of Music ends on a high note this weekend with sounds ranging across a wide spectrum. Today, in the Town Hall (8pm) the **Matrix Ensemble**, with soloists Andrew Shore and Mary Carewe, perform Berlin Cabaret songs from the 1920s and 1930s. At the same time, at the Pittville Pump Room, the **Takacs Quartet** plays Brahms, Dutilleux and Beethoven. Tomorrow, at the Town Hall (8pm) there is a chance to hear the *a cappella* group **Sweet Honey in The Rock**. The concluding event (Sunday, Town Hall, 7.30pm), is a concert by the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales** under Tadaaki Otaka.
Box Office: (01242 227979)

Haitink conducts the First Night of the Proms

CHESTER: As part of the town's Summer Music Festival two fine voices combine when soprano **Lesley Garrett** and tenor **Bonaventura Bottone** arrive in town for an evening of operatic delights. With the Manchester Camerata and the Chester Festival Chorus under Peter Robinson they perform golden favourites including the *Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves* and *Nessun dorma*.
Grosvenor Park (01244-320 700/341 200). 7.30pm

GLYNDEBOURNE: Andrew Davis conducts **Le Comte Ory**, Rossini's comic opera set at the time of the Crusades. This new production marks the UK opera debut of Jérôme Savary, the actor/comedian and artistic director of Le Théâtre Nationale de Chaillot in Paris.
Glyndebourne Opera House, Near Lewes, East Sussex (01273-813 813)

LONDON GALLERIES

Annely Juda: David Hockney (0171-629 7578) . . . **Curwen**: Ruth Martin (0171-636 1459) . . . **Design Museum**: The Coca-Cola Bottle (0171-378 6055) . . . **Hayward**: Tatsuo Miyajima: Big Time (0171-928 3144) . . . **ICA**: Assuming Positions (0171-930 3647) . . . **Lisson**: Jason Martin (0171-724 2739) . . . **Portal**: Summer Show (0171-493 0706) . . . **Royal Academy**: Hiroshige (0171-439 7438) . . . **Tate**: Ellsworth Kelly (0171-887 8000)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **CLOSER**: In Patrick Marber's new play, directed by himself, Sally Dexter and Liza Walker, Ciaran Hinds and Clive Owen play strangers who fall romantically but cruelly in love.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. In rep

☐ **DAMN YANKEES**. West End debut for Jerry Lewis, playing the Devil in the baseball musical-fantasy. Two well-known songs, good dancing, many embarrassingly awful moments.
Adelphi, Strand, WC2 (0171-413 1777). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until August 9

☐ **ELVIS — THE MUSICAL:** Three actors-singers take us through the life of the King, with Michael Dimitri playing the mature Elvis. Strictly for fans.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

☐ **THE HERBAL BED**: Peter Whelan's fascinating play. Kate Duchêne plays Shakespeare's daughter and Christopher Hunter her Puritan inquisitor.
Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **HER SISTER'S TONGUE**: Two women and a man sleeping with one but due to marry the other. Janet Goddard's new play for award-winning Plain Clothes Productions, set in Middle England and directed by Jacquetta May.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 8701). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **KING LEAR:** Kathryn Hunter, going where no English actress has gone before, plays the stricken monarch, especially moving in the closing scenes.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7pm, mats Sat, 3pm

☐ **THE LEENANE TRILOGY**. Family life is no comfy bed of shamrock in the Connemara village of Martin McDonagh's trilogy: a mother from hell and her desperate daughter (*The Beauty Queen of Leenane*) — first seen in London last year; marital secrets revealed in the cemetery (*A Skull in Connemara*): a pair of squabbling brothers living alone in their dead father's house (*The Lonesome West*). Garry Hynes directs this co-production with Druid Theatre Co.
Royal Court (Duke of York's), St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Trilogy on Sat: *Beauty*, 1pm; *Skull*, 4pm; *Lonesome*, 8pm.

☐ **MARLENE**. Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **POPCORN**. Ben Elton's blistering comedy about movie violence. A Tarantinoesque director gets his comeuppance when a couple of serial killers blame him for their misdeeds.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 4pm

☐ **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE**. Subtitled "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller". Hit Broadway compilation show celebrating a successful songwriting team, responsible for *Hound Dog*, *Jailhouse Rock* and *Spanish Harlem*.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

☐ **TWILIGHT OF THE GOLDS**: Is gayness such a curse that a foetus should be aborted if scientists isolate a gay gene? Jason Gould, playing a gay designer, argues for life in a Broadway play determined to melt hearts. Wagner in there somewhere.
Polly James directs.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 2132). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Until August 2

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . . ◪ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) . . . ◪ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . . ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) . . . ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar**: Lyceum (0171-656 1807) . . . ☐ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . . ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT (12): Thin but amiable Spanish-language comedy set on a south London housing estate. Director, Fernando Colombo.
ABC Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470)

◆ **LADY AND THE TRAMP** (U): Disney's 1955 cartoon revived: bland, but with a faint canine charm.
Clapham PH (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE LOST WORLD** (PG): Routine story damages the sequel to *Jurassic Park*. With Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore. Director, Steven Spielberg.
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Ct Rd** (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham PH** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** Ⓢ (0990 888990) Ⓢ **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

REMEMBER ME? (PG): Suburbia disrupted in lukewarm farce by Michael Frayn, with Robert Lindsay, Imelda Staunton and Rik Mayall. Directed by Nick Hurran.
NFT (0171-928 3232) Ⓢ

CURRENT

◆ **BATMAN & ROBIN** (PG): Schwarzenegger's Mr Freeze tries to hold Gotham to ransom. Exhausting epic, with George Clooney, Chris O'Donnell and Uma Thurman.
ABCs: Baker St (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Ct Rd** (0171-636 6148) **Clapham PH** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE FIFTH ELEMENT** (PG): Flabby sci-fi epic with Bruce Willis as the taxi-driver who might save the world.
Odeons: Kensington (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **LOVE JONES** (15): Modern courtship among Chicago's blacks. Endearing romance, with Larenz Tate and Nia Long.
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Trocadero** (0171-434 0031)

MICROCOSMOS (U): Astonishing French field trip to the world of insects, filmed with microscopic photography.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

◆ **MURDER AT 1600** (15): Wesley Snipes solves a White House murder. Silly thriller, with Diane Lane.
Odeon Marble Arch (0181-315 4216) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ONE FINE DAY** (15): Two single parents juggle kids and careers. Beguiling comedy with George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer.
Greenwich (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0181-315 4212) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Screen/ Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

SELECT HOTEL (18): Grim, sometimes touching, tale of Paris flophouse life.
ABC Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) **ICA** Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

◆ **SWINGERS** (15): Foibles and fumblings of male twentysomethings in LA. Fresh movie from Doug Liman.
Gate Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** (0181-315 4221) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

Patter from wall to wall

One mark of a good dramatist is that he convinces you the stakes are high even if he is writing about matters of no huge moment. By that test, Simon Block is destined for great things. In his first play, *Not a Game for Boys*, his subject was the heavy fallout of emotion in a London ping-pong league. In his latest, a young chap takes pity on one of those salesmen who drop cards through your door offering free estimates for double-glazing and so on — and the result put me in such a state of anxiety it took real effort not to leap onstage and halt Gemma Bodinetz's production before it boiled my brains.

Chimps
Hampstead

Perhaps it was just the embattled bourgeois home-owner in me that felt threatened by the sustained assault Block shows. But surely he touches a more visceral dread of invasion, manipulation and loss of control. Though the play is not as accomplished as *Glengarry Glen Ross* or *The Birthday Party*, it put me in mind of both. It is as if Mamet's property sharks had joined Pinter's amorphous hitmen in an attempt to dominate and fleece.

What seems to be at stake is some unspecified sum over £10,000. That is what it will cost Darren Tighe's Mark, an illustrator ineptly putting together a children's book, and Ashley Jensen's Stevie, his pregnant partner, to cover their allegedly disintegrating house with silicone-based water-repellant. But money is the least of it. What is at stake is trust, mutual respect and the future of a relationship that, as Block deftly suggests from the start, is less soundly based than they think.

The two salesmen are Nicholas Woodeson's Lawrence, white and middle-aged, and Fraser James's Gabriel, black and young. They present themselves as boss and underling; but Block soon reveals that this is as much camouflage as everything else. Gabriel is slick, and ruthless about exploiting liberal attitudes to his colour; he is actually testing out Lawrence, a redundant poulterer whose moral qualms sometimes threaten to overcome his commitment to the firm's sell-or-die policy.

The plot has one weakness, which is that, while Stevie remains opposed to these operators throughout, Mark must be excessively credulous, weak, malleable and disloyal to her. Yet Block does much to answer this objection: first by emphasising the young man's immaturity; secondly, by dramatising salesmanship at its wiliest. Lawrence makes some hilarious blunders, but Gabriel is there to correct them, and together they use flattery, quasi-science, guilt-mongering, and divide-and-rule. If the walls of Jericho had been painted with their product, it seems, they would have withstood Joshua's trumpet.

As I write, there is an ad on my doormat offering loft-conversion "at knock-down prices". No, I don't think I will be taking up the offer.

Benedict Nightingale

Ashley Jensen (Stevie), Nicholas Woodeson (Lawrence) and Darren Tighe (Mark) in Simon Block's fine *Chimps*

Chorus of approval

A novel as long, broad, deep and rich as Thackeray's master work — 746 pages in my copy — can be trimmed for the stage in various ways, the most obvious one being to cast professional actors in the dozen essential roles and set them within the necessary affluent or impoverished interiors.

Vanity Fair
Leeds

Plot is emphasised as some characters speed up the social scale, others hurtle down; some hit the ceiling and fall, a few strike the floor and bounce up. If Thackeray's unillusioned narrative voice cannot be turned into dialogue its gist may be indicated through subtleties of performance. If neither of these is done, the author's commentary disappears, which inevitably is the fate of most of it, anyway.

Michael Birch's Community Company production at the West Yorkshire Playhouse has taken a different route to the stage. Thirty-five local performers have worked with Birch during the past two years, using an adaptation by David Nobbs that gives them all a speaking part. For the rest of the time they are in a white-clad chorus whose movements express, comment upon or adorn the plot advancing in their midst.

Collectively they are known as "managers of the performance", picking up Thackeray's description of himself as he surveyed his parade of social go-getters. He also called his characters puppets, and Birch develops this image into the huge, usually caricatured figures, each identifiable with a single character, that trundle into view whenever that character speaks.

Thus we have a 20ft Miss Pinkerton, pink and skinny as a candle; a Jos Sedley elephant; an Amelia wedding cake; a polished marble bust for Becky Sharp.

These are witty creations and what the chorus does with them can hint at what the speakers dare not say or, being amateurs, cannot manage to convey. When worthy Dobbin is broaching the delicate matter of his feelings for Amelia the chorus treads tightropes around them — although in this case the two principals are among the select band whose voice and deportment make a valuable contribution to their roles.

In particular, the shock-haired Lyndon Marquis conveys the sweet silliness of Amelia by letting his bare arms curve demurely down in front of him. Male gender does not exclude a player from a female role, nor vice versa.

Paul Ratcliffe's fat and flummoxed Jos is another neat performance, whereas Nailah Tyre's essays at Becky's deceits lack subtlety.

But reviewing amateur performances is an unenviable task. Where Birch's two years of work have significantly paid off is in the beautifully fluid movements of the chorus; their ingenious and copiously detailed mime and the speed and elegance of their regrouping. Individuals weave between one another, shifting from support to disapproval and then disintegrating to pursue personal concerns.

Of course, great chunks of the book vanish and what remains is savagely simplified, but the chorus does show us the busy dance of things that pass away.

Jeremy Kingston

Pagan v priest

From almost any angle, *The Wuffings* is a madly epic endeavour. On a 90ft-wide cement stage covered by 21 tons of sand in the largest potting shed in Europe, Kevin Crossley-Holland and Ivan Cutting stage a 7th-century power struggle between an Anglo-Saxon royal family and the first Christian missionaries. Presented in partnership with the Year of Opera and Music, the Eastern Angles' production is infused with pastoral and folk melodies that owe more to the Sixties than the 600s.

The Wuffings
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That it seems inspired as much by Shakespeare as by Beowulf is par for the course. The struggle itself has more to do with tribal politics than religion. If Raedwald Wuffing is to become High King, he has to kowtow to Rome. Stephen Finegold's disgruntled, charismatic king decides to play a subtle but dangerous percentage game.

Thanks to Carrie Thomas's Lady Macbeth-like performance as Edith, the battle between the Woden-worshippers and the gospel-mongers is dramatically uneven. The Christians come across as slippery creeps who "spread guilt like dung" and the Angles monopolise the richest spiritual experiences.

My only serious gripe is that Crossley-Holland depends rather more on allegory than on action. What keeps the whole thing alive is Fred Meller's pagan theme park and some canny performances, notably Alastair Cording's wonderfully shifty priest. Tom Marshall puts up stout resistance as Raedwald's hard-line poet and adviser, Lof. And Melanie Barker has a disarmingly wholesome singing voice as Edith's benevolent sorceress.

At times it can be a little too domestic for its own good. But you can't help but be thrilled by the obligatory battle scene, cued by a blacksmith who turns a tub of water into sizzling steam with a sheaf of red hot swords. It is undeniably one of the most eccentric cultural experiences you will see this summer.

James Christopher

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Furious assault on the senses

CONCERTS

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It is natural that Gerald Barry, their country's most prominent composer, should be asked to write a work for the Irish Chamber Orchestra. Yet, I couldn't help wondering, as they scraped and scratched their way through *La Jalousie taciturne* in their Wigmore Hall concert on Tuesday night, whether the players didn't just occasionally wish they had landed something more grateful to play.

The piece takes the form of a grotesque parody of two Chopin waltzes: Op 64 No 2 in C sharp minor and Op 69 No 1 in F minor. First and second violins and violas are divided into 12 parts, playing an identifiable Chopin strand in unison, but at a semitone's distance from the instrument above and below. The opening is marked double fortissimo and "furiously", and there is no let-up in the assault on the senses.

The resulting cacophony might have gone down well at an undergraduate concert in the Seventies, but the joke — if that is what it is — wears thin rather sooner than the 100-odd bars (plus repeats) over which it is extended.

Rarely has Mendelssohn seemed such balm to the ears. The String Symphony No 8 in D was given an anything but sentimental performance, but it calmed frayed nerves. Under Fionnuala Hunt's direction the orchestra produces a generous tone, and even if ensemble is less than razor-sharp, it is well co-ordinated. Internal balances are nicely judged, dialogues emerge with clarity and the counterpoint is muscular.

Much the same virtues were evident in Haydn's Violin Concerto in C, where the soloist was the experienced Franco Gulli. However, an 18-piece orchestra is a little overwhelming in the Wigmore Hall and textures were rather muddier than is ideal.

In Bach's Double Concerto in D Minor — in which Hunt and Gulli were the soloists — the problem was accentuated, and one felt the need for more stylish phrasing. A vigorous sweep is all very well, but one begins to long for a dancing lightness that is impossible if all the beats of the bar have the same emphasis.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Sensation-seeker

Joanna MacGregor
Chester

It would have been useful if, in place of a few of the many words spoken about the music in Joanna MacGregor's recital, someone had played a 1940s hit called *Laura*. Any member of the audience who couldn't remember it felt at a disadvantage in attempting to come to terms with Stephen Pratt's latest piano piece, *The Song Within*.

Commissioned by the Chester Summer Music Festival to mark the composer's fiftieth birthday and dedicated to the festival's artist-in-residence, Joanna MacGregor, *The Song Within* is based on David Raskin's *Laura*. The song remains within, however, "just peeping through in flashes", Pratt assures us. At the beginning, however, between the detached notes produced at the extremes of the keyboard, there is a gaping hole and nothing to peep through. If it had been in the next main section, a virtuoso pianist's kind of boogie-woogie, it would have been crushed beyond recognition under the heavy ostinato wheels. So it must have been in a later passage, which has room for lyrical phrases and offers more than a few of them.

Individual speculations of this kind might have been all wrong, but the exercise of forming them did at least focus attention on every event in a many-sided piece. *The Song Within* is also most effectively written for the piano. The pianist confessed that she had been working on it since February, but the thrilling quality of the first performance in Chester Town Hall indicated, surely, that she considered the effort worthwhile.

Joanna MacGregor is nothing if not thrilling. Well, that does overstate the case: her interpretation of *Noctuelles*, the first movement of Ravel's *Miroirs* failed to capture the fitful, unpredictable motion of the piece. But where she took large-scale technical risks, as in *Une Barque sur l'océan* or *Alborada del Gracioso* in the same Ravel set, she secured the more immediate response. As for her treatment of Beethoven's *Waldstein Sonata*, it was a matter of intense rhythmic motivation, with an overall effect somewhere between the sensational and the spectacular.

GERALD LARNER

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Exclusive private view at the Tate

Readers of *The Times* are invited to an exclusive party, on Tuesday, July 22, to celebrate the Tate Gallery's 100th birthday.

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CHANGING TIMES

Isabel Carlisle on the Tate's tribute to the troubled 18th-century painter Francis Towne

Misfit finds his niche

Cascade in the Groves at Ambleside shows Francis Towne's interest in the changeability of light, bringing the sense of a specific moment in time

> ‘He was one of the first English artists to travel to Italy and paint out of doors’

There is a history of art that will never be written. It tells of the artists who failed to make an impact because they fell between one style and another, or who were important for their influence rather than for their own work.

Many of them were innovators who never quite pulled it off, but who a century or so on can be seen as missing pieces in a jigsaw puzzle. The 18th-century English watercolourist Francis Towne was one of these, and the Tate has made him the subject of an exhibition, the first in the Clore Gallery to deal with an artist other than Turner.

Towne was in many ways a failure. He was one of the first English artists to make the journey to Italy and paint out of doors, but unfortunately he did so in 1780-81, while the English were fighting the French and the flow of Grand Tourists who might have bought his views of Rome, Tivoli and Naples dried up. He was much better in watercolour than in oils; but when applying to become an Associate of the Royal Academy only oil paintings could be submitted. He was rejected ten times. He survived on the regular income that he made as a provincial drawing master, based in Exeter, but was desperate to be known as a landscape painter.

Towne's real problem was that, caught between Classicism and Romanticism, his paintings (the oils especially) lacked conviction. His style was based on the great classical painters Gaspard Poussin and Claude, but he visited Switzerland with Rousseau's Romantic ideas about the sublime in nature buzzing in his head. In painting the Alps and the Italian countryside not as settings for historical or mythological scenes, but as views in their own right, Towne was ahead of his time. However, his dogged insistence on distinguishing visually between a sketch and a finished work by inking the pencil lines of the sketch back on top of the watercolour reduces them to the appearance of illustrations from a painting-by-numbers kit.

This troubled misfit who never rose to be a star was also an innovator whose example made it possible for other artists, such as his contemporary Thomas Jones, to make of Towne's ideas what Towne never could. Towne's journey to Switzerland in 1781 to paint the Alps had no precedent, because very few artists had dared to copy those terrifying mountains before. Going over the Splügen Pass on August 29, Towne made at least nine drawings and then headed for the source of the River Arviron near Mont Blanc. The vertical watercolour that records the view of the tiny stream emerging from its cave of ice in the glacier at the bottom of the page, and the peak of Mont Blanc just visible behind huge mountain masses shaded in blues and greens at the top, is one of Towne's best.

Towne was also unique in his interest in the changeability of light. Not until Constable did another English artist paint the same place at different times of day. Three sketches Towne made of the Colosseum in the autumn and winter of 1781 were each annotated with the stretch of hours they were made in. Although the chiaroscuro effect of shade and sun is there, the colour is so muted and the light so weak that there is barely a sensation of being in Italy. Towne was more successful at Ambleside in 1786, where he painted the mountain tops in strong sunlight and the valley in shadow, bringing the sense of a specific moment in time and the movement of sun and clouds to a static scene.

Towne did not have much success in securing commissions on the basis of the sketches he brought back from the Continent. In one large finished watercolour, dated 1786, of *The Bay of Naples with Capri in the Distance*, the landscape looks parched and brown, lit by a setting sun. The reflective, melancholy mood might have appealed to Towne, the proto-Romantic, but was not appropriate as a memento for Grand Tourists. Towne may never be rediscovered as a great artist, but his place is secure as an original one.

● *Francis Towne is at the Tate's Clore Gallery (0171-887 8000) until September 14, supported by Spink-Leger Pictures*

Deft rather than dumb

RADIO

Radio 4 is right to contemplate change, says **Peter Barnard**

Just in case there were any doubts that the planned upheaval at Radio 4 is as touchy a subject inside Broadcasting House as outside, Laurie Taylor of *The Afternoon Shift* removed them during Monday's edition. "Thank you for adding a little youth to a typically senile *Afternoon Shift*," he told a student during the show. Ho ho.

James Boyle, Controller of Radio 4, is expected to announce the changes at the end of this month, shortly after the BBC governors have had a look at the plans next Thursday. Boyle is said to be incandescent over the leaks to the press this week and presenters whose shows are threatened have put Boyle's secretary under siege.

But is this a revolution or mere evolution? Methinks the latter. Either rumours that the changes represent the dumbing down of Radio 4 are exaggerated, or Boyle has gone mad. It would be extremely out of character for him to make Radio 4 a personality network, as is being suggested, for when he ran BBC Scotland he was criticised for getting rid of personalities in favour of more heavyweight programming.

To take the Radio 4 day chronologically, the first threat is to *Yesterday in Parliament*, known as Yip. This programme ought to have been dumped years ago. The BBC has a Charter obligation to report the proceedings of Parliament but that obligation is met by *Today in Parliament*. The demands by MPs in the Commons on Monday that the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, complain to the BBC constituted quite the most absurd spectacle reported by, er, *Yesterday in Parliament* in years.

The MP who claimed that "well over a million" people listen to Yip was standing a statistic on its head: the truth is that half the *Today* audience of two million switches off when Yip starts, and with good reason.

Yet the biggest battle over Yip is going on at Broadcasting House. The *Today* programme wants to run uninterrupted until 9am but champions of Yip are fighting this expansionism. They deserve to lose, for 9am is the logical junction for *Today* (and would let later programmes inherit a larger audience).

Talking of which, the 9.05am slot is the next hot potato. *Start the Week* is likely to stop being a talking shop for people plugging books, plays etc — the programme has more peddlers than the Tour de France — and become an interview with a single personality, though I am assured it will retain its "gravitas". The Tuesday phone-in will continue, *Midweek* on Wednesdays will probably be dropped, *The Moral Maze* (Thursday) is likely to become an evening programme.

Most of the speculation concerning key lunchtime shows can be discounted. *You and Yours* and *Money Box Live* were under review at one stage, but they are almost certain to survive. Each of these programmes attracts about 600,000 listeners and their consumer orientation has proved very successful.

Of course overall tone matters more than specific programmes and listeners should beware of treating modernisation, which Radio 4 needs, as if it was populism, which it certainly does not need. Next month *Round Britain Quiz* returns to the network at Boyle's insistence. That would be a very strange signal from a man who is supposedly taking Radio 4 downmarket.

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Lordly mayor of a town called malice

That Paul Weller – smashing bloke, right? Man of the people, yeah? First gent of rock or what? Well, no, not really

There are certain things that are just taken for granted in the music industry — that the time spent waiting in the guest list queue to get into the Brixton Academy will be exactly equal to the length of the headlining band's set, for example, or that loads of also-ran bands on the Creation label will mysteriously get lots of airplay and column inches around the time of a new Oasis release, or that Paul Weller is, simply, a Great Geezer.

Why, he's mates with both Paul McCartney and Noel Gallagher, he shuns award ceremonies because they're horrible corporate exercises in crawling and backstabbing, and he plays real instruments with real soul and real sweat pouring from his face.

As most industry-types have ears made of sawdust, they have to measure an artist's worth with something visible and easy to understand — and the currency of genius is currently sweat. This is why Van Morrison and Neil Young are still revered as earth-bound gods: three songs into a gig and they look like they've been diving for sponges in the Mediterranean.

Plus, Weller's a "survivor". This doesn't mean he's been through wars, struggled on income support for five years, or overcome a life-threatening disease. It simply means he made a couple of records that didn't sell, and then came back with one that won a Brit Award.

But the thing is, as things often are, that little of this myth-making is true. Weller does not make "real soul". His new album, the pretentiously titled *Heavy Soul*, is about as heavy and soulful as a damp mouse. Lyrics like "So grab a piece of air/Try an' make it sing/Try and be who you can/It's the real, real thing" don't ring with the sound of a heart swollen; or indeed of a brain hard at work. On top of all this, Weller wears shoes without socks and jumpers without a shirt, the uniform of ice-cream van operators. And, surely, "elder statesmen of rock" shouldn't look like they're about to ask if you want "a squirt of raspberry on that?"

CAITLIN MORAN

But, most importantly, Weller is not really a Great Geezer. At best, he's a silly tit. In a recent *NME* interview, Noel Gallagher told the amusing story of a night spent hanging out with Weller. "He was trying to convince me how mad for it he was, even though he's getting on a bit. He was going, 'I'm [big swear word] mad for it, me.' I said I know you are, Paul, now chill. 'I'm [big swear word] mad for it,' he says, takes his shirt off and throws it into this big open fire! He's jumping around topless shouting: 'I'm mad for it, me!' I left him in the garden with no top on and a big bottle of wine in his hand, shouting 'Wellah! Wellah! Wellah!' at the top of his voice."

Eventually, Gallagher said, he had to lean out of his bedroom window at eight in the morning and shout "Shut up! Go to bed, old man!"

But what should happen if a journalist said something similar? Why, that would be no problem, surely? As an elder statesman of rock, Weller would doubtlessly be a relaxed dude, able to distance his personal life from his career? Nah. Weller's nosedive into self-indulgence has not been helped by surrounding himself with yes-men. When asked, in a recent interview, whether this was the case, his Wildean riposte was: "Well, yeah. I wouldn't surround myself with no-men, would I?"

As a result, there is little curb on his pique, and he has a slightly unsavoury habit of verbally threatening journalists who write anything negative about him. David Quantick, journalist for *Q* and *Select* magazines, wrote a piece in 1995 about artists who have changed their image over the course of their careers. He mentioned Duran Duran, George Michael and Weller in the piece, which was wryly humorous but not enormously disparaging.

"I'm the only journalist in Britain who actually liked Weller's work with the Style Council," Quantick explains. "So I was rather surprised when I got a phone call from him, saying that we should 'meet and talk'. I suggested we meet in the George pub, which has an excellent range of bar snacks. Weller snapped: 'Nah, it should be somewhere outside, if you know what I mean. Regent's Park, or something.'

"I told him that if he wanted a fight, I wasn't going to fight with him. He concluded this pleasant phone call by promising that, if I wrote anything else about him, he'd 'come round your house and knock your [big swear word] block off'." Stuart Bailie of *NME* and at least one other journalist have received similar calls after writing disparaging pieces.

If Weller were, say, Billy Corgan of the Smashing Pumpkins — a band that has had more bad reviews than it has recorded endless, moribund solos — one could understand his bitterness about negative press. But as Weller's press-kit is as thick as a brick, and twice as heavy on phrases like "He is God", then this "paranoia" is hard to understand.

Still, at least one of the phrases employed to describe him is true — Weller is still burning. In a spectacularly unpleasant way.

Why would Paul Weller threaten to duff up the only music critic who liked the Style Council?

POP ALBUMS: From now on, the name Roni Size will be the one to drop

Drum and basically great

Wired for sound: Roni Size of Reprazent, whose brilliant *Newforms* is on the Mercury Music Prize shortlist

RONI SIZE/REPRAZENT
Newforms
(Talkin' Loud 534 933; two discs £18.49)

ALL specialist genres start out as a no-go zone for the uncertain or uncommitted listener, until somebody does something exceptional enough to convert music with a minority appeal into the sound of the moment. If there is a record that can do for drum and bass what James Brown did for funk or Prodigy are doing for techno, then it is *Newforms*, an album of inspirational brilliance that lives up to its rather brazen title.

Producer and DJ Roni Size teamed up with producer Krust to form the nucleus of Bristol-based collective Reprazent in 1992. The organisation now includes various DJs and an MC (rapper) as well as Bristolian soul singer Onallee, who performs with fiery emotion on *Heroes* among many other tracks. There is also a telling guest contribution from American vocalist Bahamadia, who chops out an unbelievably sultry rap on the title track and whose presence would have been welcome on some of the other numbers, too.

Unlike Goldie's landmark album, *Timeless*, which was released two years ago amid much speculation that jungle music was about to "go overground", *Newforms* is a rhythmically ingenious and spectacularly well-crafted record from start to finish that not only addresses its own streetwise constituency but also reaches out to embrace other musical strands including jazz, soul, funk and breakbeat. The result, on numbers such as *Destination*, with its string and horn samples (from an Everything But The Girl track), and the bustling, drop-dead groove of *New Forms* itself, is music that transcends the limitations of the genre and moves the listener into a different realm.

Shortlisted earlier this week for the Mercury Music Prize, this is an album that will be pleasurably expanding people's musical horizons for many months to come.

TEENAGE FANCLUB
Songs From Northern Britain
(Creation CRECD 196 £11.99)

HAVING reached an age where they are probably beginning to rue their whimsical choice of name, Teenage Fanclub are still hoping for great things round the next corner with their quaintly titled fifth album, *Songs From Northern Britain*.

With its beautifully wrought, Byrds-influenced harmony vocals and defiantly old-fashioned chiming guitar sound, it is one of those pop albums that functions in much the same way as a Hovis ad, conjuring images of a kindlier, gentler past when traditional musical values held sway. "We're going over the country and into the Highlands to look for a home," they sing on *Planets*, a typically winsome blend of romantic escapism.

The trouble is that thanks to the Britpop "revolution", there are now dozens of groups ploughing a similarly retro furrow, many of which have applied more energy and original thought to the formula than is in evidence here.

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LEE SCRATCH PERRY
Arkology
(Island Jamaica CRNCD 6/524 379; three discs £19.99)

A TREND-SETTER in so many ways, Jamaican reggae supremo Lee Scratch Perry was one of the first producers to use studio technology to forge sounds such as dub (the original drum and bass music) and to expand the role of producer into that of star in his own right.

Arkology is a compilation of his recordings, mostly of other acts, during the period 1975-79, when Perry owned his own Black Ark studio in Kingston. It boasts a handful of classic cuts, including Junior Murvin's *Police & Thieves*, Max Romeo's *War in a Babylon* and George Faith's *To be a Lover (Have Some Mercy)*, along with various rarities and alternative takes. But none of Perry's work with Bob Marley and the Wailers is featured, nor is Susan Cadogan's *Hurt So Good*, one of the very few bona fide hits to come out of this period.

PRIMUS
Brown Album
(Interscope INTD-90126 £15.49)

OPERATING somewhere between the manic playfulness of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and the cranky obscurity of Frank Zappa, Primus continues to fall foul of the cultural divide between Britain and America. Top Ten regulars over there, they still sound confusingly eccentric to anyone who does not get the joke. "I got a gal wears her toenails long/ Drives a red Barracuda, singing meatpacker songs," sings bassist Les Claypool on *Kalamazoo*, a jaunty shuffle that combines a nursery rhyme melody with a fearfully complicated guitar solo.

Militantly low-fi, yet somehow rather fussy in its execution, *Brown Album* has flashes of brilliance, frequently involving the razor-sharp instrumental interplay between Claypool, drummer Brain and guitarist Larry LaLonde, and most notably during the passage at the end of *The Chastising of Renegade*. But it is likely to baffle all but the most committed fans.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Tunes of glory

JAZZ ALBUMS

WYNTON MARSALIS & THE LINCOLN CENTER JAZZ ORCHESTRA
Blood on the Fields
(Columbia CXK 57694)

GIVEN trumpeter/composer Wynton Marsalis's constant championing of "the tradition" in jazz and related music, it is no surprise to find him skilfully exploiting everything from spirituals to his own seductively lush brand of neat, airy swing in this three-CD study of slavery and survival.

His lyrics' finely judged balancing of the colloquial and the formal, too, is not unexpected, given the assured eloquence with which he expresses his musical philosophy. What is really impressive, though, is the three-hour piece's overall cogency, particularly in its recognition of the crucial role played by the blues in its characters' spiritual development.

Wynton Marsalis: centuries of struggle on three CDs

Singer Cassandra Wilson and a string of star soloists including James Carter, Wess Anderson and Marsalis himself are all tellingly featured, and the whole more than lives up both to the reputation conferred on it by the Pulitzer Prize award and to Marsalis's own artistic aim for it: "To detail in music what I feel it takes to achieve soul: the willingness to address adversity with elegance."

STEVE LACY TWO, FIVE AND SIX
Blinks
(hat ART CD 2-6189)

A RE-RELEASE of the acclaimed LPs of the same name, supplemented by two bonus tracks, this double CD catches American soprano player Steve Lacy and his long-serving cohorts (chief among them fellow saxophonist Steve Potts) in various combinations, live in Zurich in 1983.

Lacy dubbed his feverishly passionate music of the 1980s "poly-free", for its attempt to synthesise structure, improvisation and spontaneous interplay and, when in full flight, this is a gloriously unfettered band, rousing and adventurous but familiar enough with each other's playing to imbue the whole affair with infectious informality.

CHRIS PARKER

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	(1)	**The Fat of the Land**	Prodigy (XL Recordings)
2	(4)	**Vanishing Point**	Primal Scream (Creation)
3	(2)	**OK Computer**	Radiohead (Parlophone)
4	(5)	**Spice**	Spice Girls (Virgin)
5	(3)	**Heavy Soul**	Paul Weller (Island)
6	(–)	**Best Of**	Michael Jackson/Jackson 5 (Polygram TV)
7	(9)	**Come Find Yourself**	Fun Lovin' Criminals (Chrysalis)
8	(6)	**Before the Rain**	Eternal (EMI)
9	(18)	**Sheryl Crow**	Sheryl Crow (A&M)
10	(12)	**Tragic Kingdom**	No Doubt (Interscope)

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Alternative Nashville

BLUES ALBUMS

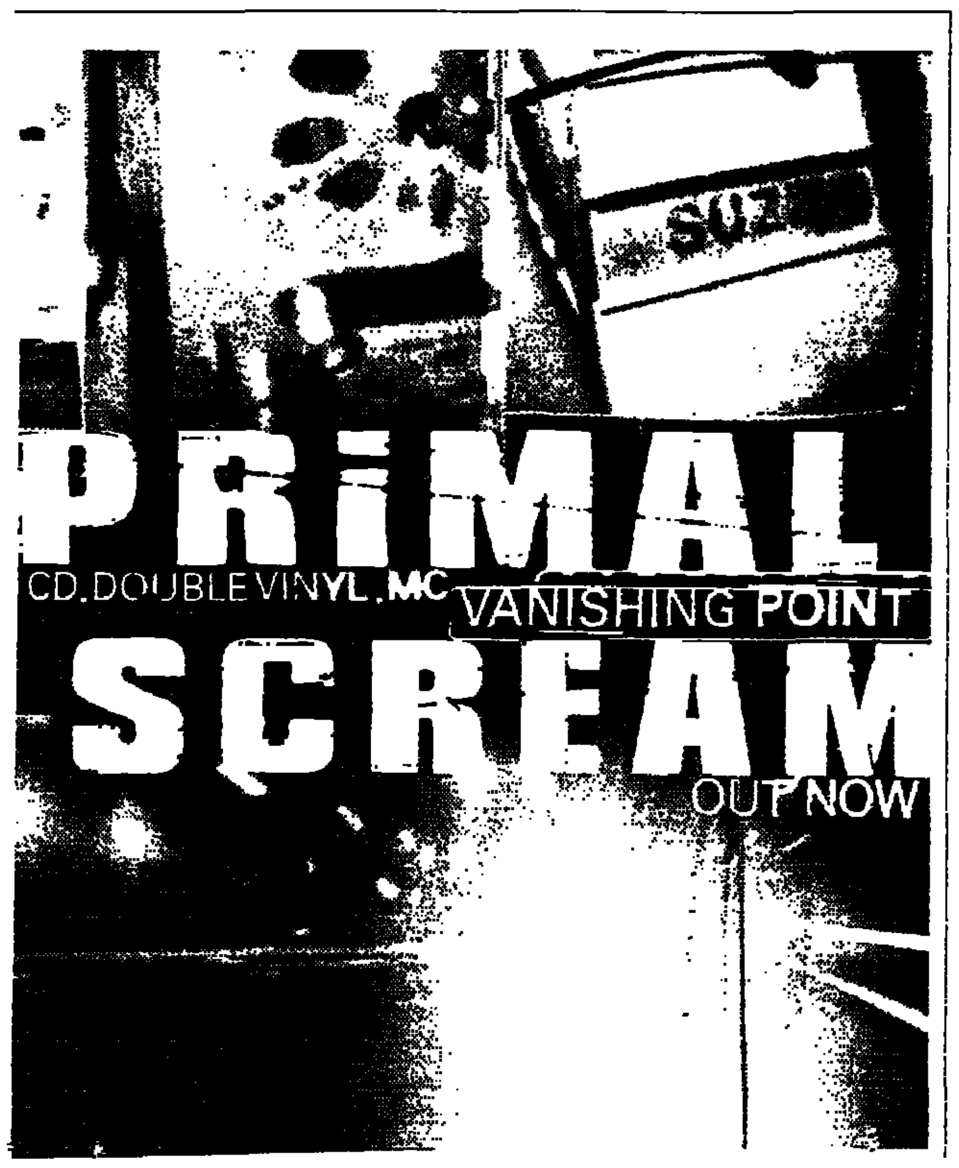
NASHVILLE may be synonymous with country music, but it has a rhythm & blues heritage that stretches back to the early 1950s, when many black artists recorded for Ernie Young's Nashville-based Excello and Nashboro labels. *Wail Daddy! Nashville Jump Blues* (Ace CDCHD 653) collects some prime examples of hooting, piano and saxophone-led numbers recorded for the company, including *Happy Go Lucky* by Good Rockin' Sam Beasley and *Chicken Hearted Woman* by Clarence Samuels.

Such music remained unissued and unheard in this country, so the early British blues performers, such as Cyril Davies, took their inspiration from the more mainstream blues artists — a fact reflected by a long-overdue tribute album to Davies, who died in 1964, just as the British blues boom started. *Knights of The Blues Table* (Viceroy CD54IS92) includes contributions from Paul Jones, Georgie Fame, Jack Bruce and a chap called Mick Jagger, helping out on harp.

Davies would have been at home with the new wave of black American artists who have been inspired by the acoustic prewar stylings of artists such as Robert Johnson. Indeed, on *Call Down the Thunder* (Red House RHRCD 89), guitarist Guy Davis covers Johnson's *When You Got a Good Friend* as well as latterday songster Mance Lipscomb's *Run Sinner Run*.

There's also a clutch of well-honed originals in which Davis shows his proficiency on both the six and 12-string guitar and fulfils his promise in the sleeve notes of "making the same old thing sound new".

JOHN CLARKE



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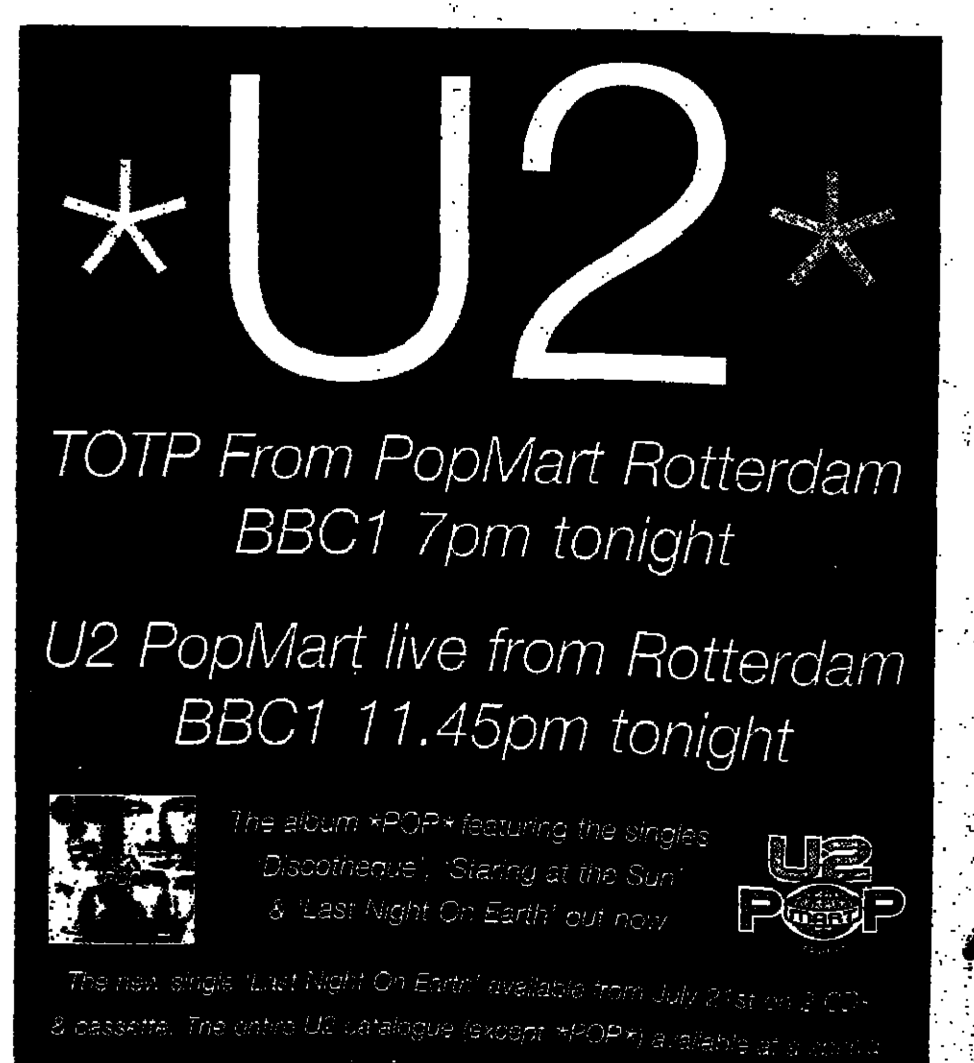

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As Huey Lewis once said, it's hip to be square

If the stuff on Radio 2 is so old-fashioned, how come it's clogging up the charts? **Alan Jackson** unravels a paradox

No matter how well informed and cutting-edge a pop fan you believe yourself to be, there will always be the odd mystery to trouble your mind in those moments between wakefulness and sleep. Who, for example, is the Mercury Music Prize-nominated Roni Size, let alone his dance collective Reprazent? *(David Sinclair knows — see album reviews on page 34).* And why does Sir Paul McCartney continue to pose thumbs-aloft for virtually every photograph ever taken of him, so many years after the style police cautioned him for naffness? Or, perhaps most puzzlingly of all, why does *Time To Say Goodbye (Con Te Partiro)*, the cod-operatic ballad duet between Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli, continue to linger in the Top 30 more than two months after its release, despite never being played on the radio?

Never played on the radio? Then you've been listening to the wrong — or should that be the *right?* — station. Should your dial have been tuned to Radio 2 these past three months, you will have heard more of Brightman and Bocelli than of any other chart act. Radio 2's loyal audience loves the song and still hasn't heard enough of it. And, given that its current percentage share of the British listening public is a market-leading 12.6 (Radio 1 trails with 11.2), that gives the station immense taste-making (and, hence, record-selling) clout within that frequently underestimated musical genre, the middle of the road.

But easy listening is hip these days, you might argue back authoritatively, having read as much about it in smart magazines aimed at smart young people. Well, yes . . . but although Noel Gallagher might be proud to take the Festival Hall stage alongside his idol Burt Bacharach, hell is likely to freeze over before he steps into Bocelli's shoes alongside a trilling, cooing Brightman.

There is a profound irony at the heart of such an argument though, and it is this. Back in the late 1960s and early 1970s, when the Carpenters, Sergio Mendes and other saints of today's lounge music set were all over the easy-listening airwaves, the hip and happening were listening to the likes of McCartney, Bob Dylan, Stevie Wonder or James Taylor. These days, such artists can't get near a pop radio programmer's schedule, but have found a happy alternative home at Radio 2.

> ❛We're talking classic tracks by enduring artists❜

This upside-down, inside-out situation arose for two reasons. First and most obviously, we are none of us getting any younger, performers and fans both. And, as a new generation grows up in our wake, with tastes and heroes of its own, it is natural that all but the John Peels among us will be shunted over towards the centre ground. The potential result? One morning, you wake up and find you don't recognise anything being played, and that all your old favourites are now to be found on a different frequency, quite probably Radio 2 or its nearest local equivalent. The second reason is that, in the words of its Controller James Moir, the station has been deliberately "taking it younger".

It's an important job, lowering the admission threshold: each year, some 200,000 of the faithful shuffle off this mortal coil, leaving what would otherwise be an ever-declining listenership. The poaching of former Radio 1 presenters such as Steve Wright and Bob Harris has helped to create a more welcoming environment for those in the key Radio 2 demographic, just as, for example, will the future presentation of live concert recordings by the likes of Annie Lennox, Tina Turner and Genesis.

But, while handsome offpeak coverage of specialist musical areas such as jazz, folk, blues and R&B (the regular *Celebrity Soul Show*, hosted by names of the calibre of Chaka Khan and Luther Vandross, has been a particular coup) also lures in interested newcomers, the character of Radio 2's daytime playlist remains the crucial element. "We're talking quality and excellence," Moir says. "Classic, melodic tracks by classic, enduring artists."

But, lest you think that means non-stop Frank and Ella, it should be pointed out it also means the likes of Wet Wet Wet, the Beautiful South, Celine Dion and Prefab Sprout. Compilation of the network's weekly playlist is overseen by Geoff Mullin, head of music policy, who was recently wooed back to the BBC after a stint with the successful regional independent, Melody Radio. Up to 30 current singles, most of them singles, are featured each week, on top of an active database of some 5,000 other tracks. Folk-rock and new country by the likes of Shawn Colvin, Trisha Yearwood and Alison Krauss are faring well at present, as are the latest offerings by teen acts such as Boyzone, Gary Barlow and 911. Cathy Dennis, Paul Young and Jon Secada are there too.

Radio 2 alerted the record-buying public to Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli's *Time To Say Goodbye*, and the rest was chart history

The unifying factors? All are melodic, well-crafted, easy on the ear. And all are being ignored — and are likely to continue to be so — by Radio 1. Famously, Status Quo made an undignified fuss a while ago when they found themselves in exactly that position. Perhaps they should have got their song plugger to follow the example of many another and head straight for Radio 2 instead.

"Although we are not in the business of creating hits, we are deeply proud when it can be proved that the success of a particular record is down to the fact that we have especially championed it," says Moir. He runs through a list of recent singles by the Bee Gees, Phil Collins, Dion, McCartney, Wonder & Babyface, and albums (David Gates and Bread, Elvis Presley, Dylan and kd lang) ignored by hipper, younger stations but buoyant in this week's charts thanks to his MOR muscle.

Meanwhile, on behalf of possible new converts to the station, I feel obliged to ask one question of Mullin: how long will the divine Sarah's single, recently awarded gold disc status, linger on the playlist? "It's already stayed active much longer than most things we play, simply because listeners continue to react strongly in favour of it, as witnessed by its very slow decline in the charts," Mullin says. "At some point, though, a value judgment will be made. There will come a point when we decide it is past its sell-by date, and let it join the database of classic tracks."

Time to say goodbye? Not quite yet, it seems. As to whether it's time to say hello to Radio 2, that will depend on how much you hate the song.

IN CONCERT: The meaning of riff revealed; jazz and pop go head to head — and both lose; a legend in his own reverie; the future of drum and bass

Soul garnished with chops

Robert Cray
Empire, W12

The word "riff" is defined by the *Oxford English Dictionary* as "a short repeated phrase in jazz etc". What the *OED* does not mention is that in blues etc the modern master of the riff is Robert Cray.

Nearly all of the numbers during his performance at the Empire were built around slinky and sinuous riffs, musical phrases that provided the backbone for the song and caught the audience in much the same way as a strong hook will snare someone listening to a pop record.

You get the feeling that Cray gets the riff first and then layers the song around it to create a sound not unlike that produced by one of the great riff factories of the past — the Memphis Stax studio in the 1960s and 1970s.

And the link is an apt one, for Cray has another strong musical ace in his pack — his voice. One Cray fan told me he liked the singer because he was the nearest performer we had nowadays to Otis Redding, and listening to him on numbers such as *Nothing Against You* and *I Can't Quit*, both from his new album, *Sweet Potato Pie*, you could see what he meant.

Cray may lack Redding's "got to getcha" vocal mannerisms (which many may see as a blessing), but he is basically a blues guitarist with a soul singer's voice.

Unlike his Memphis counterparts, though, there is no flashy showmanship with Cray. His only concession to glitz was a chrome-plated guitar and a polite "Thank you kindly" to an appreciative crowd in between numbers.

But it was the musicianship that counted. With his regular back-up band of Jim Pugh on keyboards, Karl Sevareid on bass and Kevin Hayes on drums, he has achieved a rock-steady precision and a perfect vehicle for his well-honed songs. If there was any criticism, it was that things were perhaps deliberately left too low key. His new album brought back a brass section in the shape of the Memphis Horns, and it would have given slightly more texture to the evening had they been there too.

But there was a lot to enjoy, such as Pugh's lolloping crowd-pleaser, *The One in the Middle*. You can't knock a man who has been consistently carrying the torch for the contemporary blues boom since cutting his first album in 1980. He remains resolutely his own man, a strong persuader — and still Craysie after all these years.

JOHN CLARKE

And some days the old bear eats you

Ray Charles
Festival Hall

RAY CHARLES trails so much history behind him that we come to expect miracles every time he and his big band roll into town. So when he turns in a routine performance — as he undoubtedly did on the opening night of the Serious Summer festival — the sense of anticlimax is all the more palpable.

Yes, we heard a snappy *Hallelujah I Love Her So*, and a short but potent bout of gospel moaning from his backing singers, the Raelettes, on *What'd I Say*. But, for most of the evening the star seemed curiously detached.

He was clearly not in the best of moods, either. A renowned perfectionist, he muttered threats about the volume levels, repeatedly striking his microphone with his hand, mid-song. Later it was the turn of his hapless bass player to receive a brutal dressing-down as his employer questioned his sense of pitch at some length.

The sound mix did the band few favours on the long-winded instrumental numbers that always open Charles's concerts; his own voice was also indistinct for long sections of the show. Matters improved on the familiar waltz treatment of *Oh, What A Beautiful Morning*, but the arrival of the Raelettes for the final quarter prompted no dramatic change of gear.

The audience still gave Charles a standing ovation. They were equally impressed by the majestic Canadian singer-pianist Diana Krall, who made the most of a brief support slot to reassert her status as the most exciting new vocal talent of the decade. She allowed us a glimpse of her more mischievous side on Dave Frishberg's sugar-daddy vignette, *Peel Me a Grape*.

An engagingly eclectic programme continued on Wednesday with slick Brazilian pop from the singer-songwriters Ivan Lins and Djavan. The latter had an unfortunate habit of burying the subtleties of his melodies beneath the stadium beat of an over-amplified drummer. Lins, acclaimed as the heir to the late Antonio Carlos Jobim, exudes a similar affinity for subtle jazz-influenced harmonies. His guitarist was the pivotal figure in a compact band that coped admirably with the changes of pace.

CLIVE DAVIS

Star players in the wrong game

Herbie Hancock
Festival Hall

Greeted with the sort of wild adulation generally reserved for conquering heroes, sporting or military, Herbie Hancock's New Standard All Stars were home and dry with a capacity audience before they had played a note. Even Hancock's rueful introductory announcement, in which he revealed that the sextet was coming to the end of a 19-day, 17-concert European tour so hectic he couldn't even remember where they'd just flown from, drew thunderous applause.

Once the initial rapture had died down, however, the band got down to the serious business of justifying their individual and collective reputations with exemplary seriousness. The nearest jazz gets to a genuine supergroup, the All Stars — tenor player Michael Brecker, guitarist John Scofield, bassist Dave Holland, drummer Jack DeJohnette and percussionist Don Alias — were assembled for Hancock's *New Standard* album in 1996. But given the music's economic realities, such stellar assemblies are rarely seen outside the recording studio.

As its name suggests, Hancock's band eschews the conventional standards repertoire — Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hart songs — in favour of tunes by the likes of Kurt Cobain, Steely Dan and Sade, and it was with a Don Henley piece, *New York Minute*, that they began, subsequently moving swiftly on to John Lennon's *Norwegian Wood* and Peter Gabriel's *Mercy Street*. All drew crowd-pleasing solos, Scofield and Brecker in particular rising to the improvisational challenges presented by non-jazz vehicles, but the difficulty they experienced in doing so could not but raise doubts as to the project's overall viability.

Pop songs, after all, are designed, first and foremost, to be immediately catchy: their appeal resides largely in their ephemerality, their necessarily short-lived conformity with the arbitrary dictates of fashion. To revisit them with serious intent risks exposing their musical shortcomings: *Norwegian Wood*, for example, relies for its success as a pop tune on the very melodic repetitiveness that militates against its suitability for improvisation. Its faintly sardonic lyrics are simply too specific and eccentric to be of the same use in informing the emotion of a jazz solo as those of, say, *Body and Soul*.

The majority of the evening's musical highlights were consequently provided in spite of the band's material — Prince's wonderfully funky *Thieves in the Temple* aside. The extraordinary potential inherent in the line-up remained largely untapped, talents both individual and collective remaining frustratingly underexploited.

CHRIS PARKER

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Dance with brains

Soul Coughing
Bristol

RUMOUR has it that Tricky cancelled American art rockers Soul Coughing as support for his last UK tour when he heard how good the band is live. To judge by Wednesday night's performance, albeit in a Bristol bar called the Fleece and Firkin, the rapper was right to have worried.

At its best, Soul Coughing's free-form fusion of jazz, folk, hip hop and spoken poetry is every inch as intense as Tricky's melancholy music, but much more audience friendly. If, on paper, the songs sound as studied and introspective as trip hop (on record Soul Coughing can try too hard), played live they become glorious, funk-filled, open-ended excursions into intelligent dance territory.

When singer M Doughty formed Soul Coughing in New York four years ago, his aim was to assemble a hip hop outfit that operated along the lines of Funkadelic. He has succeeded. When the four-piece locked into a song, and went off on an improvised extended groove, the small Bristol audience all but slipped into a hypnotic trance. As if to test its crowd control, towards the end of the hour-long set, the band segued the recent single *Super Bon Bon* into Madonna's *Like a Prayer* and suddenly the audience snapped back to reality.

Soul Coughing's set-up on stage is as unusual as the songs. Behind Doughty, who twists and jerks his skinny body as he delivers his lines, Mark De Gli Anthoni plays a tiny keyboard perched on top of a box, while Sebastian Steinberg plucks at an enormous double bass. It is left to Israeli drummer Yuval Gabby, who hits his surprisingly basic skins like the energised Duracell bunny, to pull all the elements together.

It was Gabby, in fact, who inspired Wednesday's gig, which was organised by the Mercury Award nominee Roni Size. Size's Bristol drum and bass crew Full Cycle had been borrowing the drummer a lot of late, to sample his powerful precision hip hop rhythms for their records.

Backstage after the show, Size explained what Full Cycle and Soul Coughing have in common. "Our songs come from different musical backgrounds," he said. "Doughty's from hip hop, mine from drum and bass. But both have transcended their genre and are headed in the same direction." "What direction is that?" I asked. "I have no idea," Size replied. "That's the point."

LISA VERRICO

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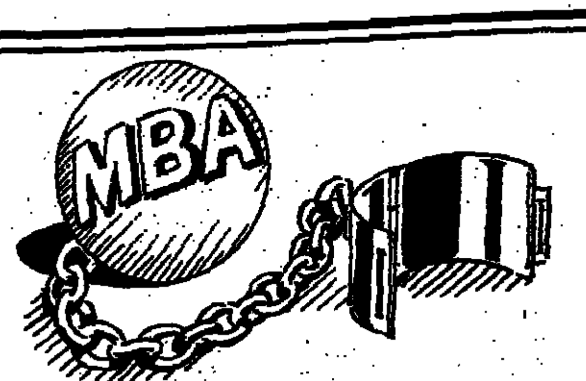

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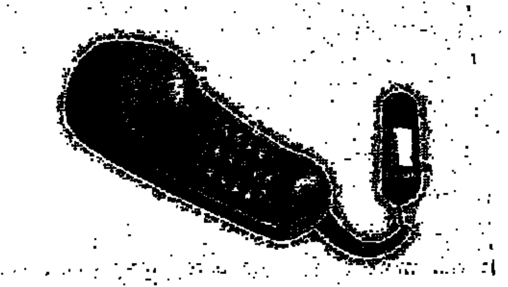

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Finance and quality will be the themes of next week's Dearing report on higher education. **David Charter** and **Dan Cohn-Sherbok** report

Standards are all a question of degree

The headlines about next week's milestone review of higher education by Sir Ron Dearing will focus on fees. But the question of guaranteeing the quality of university degrees may be of equal significance in the long term.

Just as Sir Ron prepares to pronounce, however, universities have formally abandoned their search for a way of guaranteeing that all first-class degrees reach the same standard. Degrees, said the Higher Education Quality Council, are like cars. There will always be the Rolls-Royce and the family runabout.

The council, an agency of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, admitted two years ago that degree standards varied from university to university.

Now, in the final report of its Graduate Standards Programme, it says the range of courses on offer across Britain's 104 fiercely independent universities means that this will always be the case.

Not only did the council's two-year survey expose trends in awarding degrees, which made impossible the claim that one university sets exactly the same standards as another, but it suggested that the traditional method of classification into first, second and third-class degrees acted against the interests of accurate comparability.

Roger Brown, chief executive of the council, said: "There are ways degrees could be made more comparable, but they will never be fully comparable. If you move away from a class honours system, there is more chance that you will have a comparable system." Another by-product of the move towards a mass higher education system which has had no previous review of degree-awarding conventions was the devaluation of the award of "honours" over the past 20 years, the council added.

Dr Peter Wright, HEQC assistant director, said: "Typically, honours was considered the mark of the elite student a few decades ago. It seems odd that with the participation rate going up three times, 80 per cent come away with an honours degree."

Moreover, the current system caused confusion by allowing poor students to earn degrees in the first place, the council believes.

"Most academics look for a satisfactory level of performance, which they place in the second-class category, then rate other students in relation to that, so to get a third or pass is not satisfactory." Dr Wright said.

The HEQC would like to see quality guaranteed by a higher pass mark. A new minimum standard should be set somewhere above the present level of a third-class degree, Dr Wright said. This would either disqualify or remotivate the 15 per cent of students who graduate with a third class or pass.

Universities reject the idea of a national curricum and any system of common external tests to ensure across-the-board standards. The Graduate Standards Programme proposes seven ways of strengthening academic judgments.

These include closer attention to standards when courses are designed, and the sharing of exemplar scripts between universities to compare marking approaches. Much work was needed to strengthen the external examiner system, which is seen as the main bulwark against the erosion of standards, but in reality covers a wide range of varying practice, the council found.

MARTIN C T MITCHELL

The Review of Higher Education is expected to recommend a new framework for university qualifications

The Government's Review of Higher Education is expected to recommend a new framework for university qualifications when it delivers its views on the future of British universities this month.

But it will most likely stop short of scrapping degree classifications altogether. Firsts, seconds and thirds may well coexist with school-style transcripts until a more reliable system is established. Sir Ron, who is leading the review, wants universities to demonstrate much more clearly what a degree is worth, said Dr Wright.

"A generation ago, higher education was essentially a small system for insiders," he said. "Nowadays it is a mass system and people who come out will be employed in a wide range of enterprises run by people who are not necessarily graduates. The system has to explain that which was implicit about degrees before. Taxpayer and consumers need to know they are getting value for money."

Some former polytechnics and a handful of traditional universities, including London and Birmingham, had already introduced a transcript. A certificate issued alongside the grade showed the graduate's achievements in all the different parts of the course.

Dr Wright described the diversity of degrees as being like a range of cars. "If you are talking about the quality of a car, you are looking for different things from a four-wheel-drive, a sports car or the family runabout. They all have to pass an MoT but they have different purposes. The difference with cars is that there is a lot more information available about them."

DAVID CHARTER

What cost the American dream?

Growing up in the leafy suburbs of Denver, Colorado, I was aware from a very early age that a university education would be expensive. It was a major priority for my parents to save for my undergraduate and postgraduate studies. But no one could have predicted how much it would cost. I was a student at a very expensive men's college on the East Coast for four years, and then I trained to be a rabbi at a rabbinical seminary for a further five. Finally, I spent three years at Cambridge studying for a PhD. At the end of this long process, my father was complaining that he could have bought two Rolls-Royces for what it cost.

My case is unusual, yet it is not uncommon for American parents to endure serious financial hardships to put their children through university and graduate school. The most eminent universities are staggeringly expensive. A year at an Ivy League college, for example, today costs more than $30,000 (£18,300) including tuition and board. This amounts to a total of about $120,000 for a BA degree. For many students, however, this is not the end. All professions — law, medicine, accountancy, dentistry etc — demand further years of study at much the same cost.

In America there is no ideological argument to support charging fees. It is simply a matter of balancing the books. Private universities are not supported by public funds: instead they must raise revenue through two major sources: tuition fees and endowments. State universities are similarly dependent on fees and endowments.

Are there any real advantages to such a system of funding? To my mind, the drawbacks are overwhelming. Charging tuition fees places enormous burdens on families, particularly where there are several children. Paying for a college education is a painful obsession for parents who want their children to be front-runners in the race of life. Yet not all students are able to benefit from the American dream — in many cases those whose parents cannot afford to pay fees refrain from applying to expensive universities. While generous scholarships are offered to the most needy, most applicants are ineligible for full funding. This means that the best institutions tend disproportionately to attract children from the most wealthy sector of American society.

Parents can suffer severe financial hardship

For more than 20 years I have taught in the British university system; during this time I have rejoiced in its commitment, its openness. All universities are publicly funded; there is total equality of opportunity. No able student hesitates to apply to any university because it is too expensive. In essence, every student who qualifies for admittance is given a full scholarship which covers tuition. This enviable system is now under attack. Yet there is every reason to preserve it. Admittedly with the increase in students in higher education, more funds will be needed. But what could be more precious to the life of the nation than the education of its young?

It is sometimes suggested that students will value their studies more if they pay for it; hence it is only right that undergraduates take out loans to cover costs. This argument, however, is simply a rationalisation for cutting state funds. I certainly didn't value my education more because my father paid for it. The Americanisation of the British higher education system will produce the same negative results. The problem of higher education funding should not be solved by mortgaging the future of undergraduates, but by supporting them through state resources. Centres of excellence will not be produced through artificial league tables, but by sustained funding so that institutions can attract the best students irrespective of their financial circumstances.

Rabbi Professor Dan Cohn-Sherbok is Professor of Judaism at the University of Wales, Lampeter.

Sig Prais reveals the full story behind an alarming slip in standards

Maths report: England must do better

The latest round of an international comparison of pupils' mathematical attainments was completed yesterday, with an analysis of the likely factors behind the poor performance by English pupils. The full report of the Third International Mathematical and Science Study is highly relevant to our schools.

Probably the most important finding is that attainments in mathematics by English pupils aged 13-14 continue to be undistinguished by broad international standards, and provide no grounds for the expectations — fairly widespread a generation ago — that England's schooling is such as to set the country at the forefront of scientific and technological progress.

The attainments of English average pupils at 13-14 now lag — by the equivalent of about a year's schooling — behind such Western European countries as Austria, Belgium, France, Holland and Switzerland and are very much more behind Pacific Rim countries (Japan, Korea, Singapore, for example) where schooling for a technological age — intended at first to match, and then to overtake, Western standards — has been the overriding objective for the past generation.

Of international leading economies, only the achievements of the United States give grounds for pause and reflection: their pupils' mathematics scores at this age were similar to England's (perhaps even a shade lower). But only by a variety of expensive supplementary measures, including an average length of schooling for the equivalent of about two full-time years beyond that typical here, have they succeeded in maintaining their technological capabilities and economic performance at very high levels.

In any case, the US educational experience provides little by way of comfort or guidance to those looking for new directions in which English schooling should move.

Arithmetic is confirmed by the TIMSS as the branch of mathematics with the greatest shortfall in English pupils' attainments. The concern is not with arithmetic of a complex kind (for example, calculating the square root of a number by a paper-and-pencil algorithm) but is at the most basic level: about half of English pupils at age 13 could not calculate correctly 6,000 minus 2,369. Progress by pupils after that age at this basic arithmetical level is bound to be slow; and about a third of English pupils seem likely to reach the end of compulsory schooling unable to carry out such a calculation.

England was behind almost all other 40 participating countries in this respect (only in four participating countries were fewer pupils able to answer that subtraction question correctly).

English deficiencies in arithmetic are confirmed as arising at the primary stage of schooling by a parallel IEA survey of 8 to 9-year-olds. The same subtraction sum (6,000 minus 2,369) could be answered correctly by some 91 per cent of continental 9-year-olds, but only by 15 per cent of English pupils at that age.

It is easy to discount failing in such basic arithmetic as being only a small part of the broader canvas of mathematics needed by the aspiring modern mathematical or technological specialist. But to do so would overlook the role of arithmetical competence as a pedagogical foundation stone for progress in other branches of mathematics and science. It would also undervalue the arithmetical needs of the ordinary citizen in his everyday life, and the employment needs of the broad cross-section of school-leavers who, without being technological specialists, need to work with increased precision in an increasingly automated and computerised world.

England's shortfall in mathematical attainments are more severe among average and below-average pupils than at the upper end of the range.

The proposition of secondary school pupils with very low scores in England in these mathematics tests was about twice as great as in Western European countries mentioned here; for example, scores attained by the lowest 10 per cent of Swiss 14-year-olds were attained by the lowest 20 per cent of English pupils.

This larger proportion of low and underachievers in England, with particularly great disabilities in basic arithmetic, leads to worries that the English schooling system is in some way malfunctioning, and is contributing to the creation of an economic and social underclass. Absenteeism by pupils was apparently high in England, but was inadequately investigated in this survey; it obviously contributed to underachievement and warrants further investigation.

The new point to emerge from this survey relates to England's top-attaining pupils. Previous international surveys were consistent with the view that — irrespective of low mathematical attainments by England's average and below average pupils — the performance of England's top pupils equalled, and perhaps even exceeded, the best of the corresponding top proportion in other countries.

The present survey indicates that the mathematical attainments of the top 5 per cent of English pupils (those who might become mathematical specialists) and or the top 24 per cent (the broader group now eligible for university entrance in general) are below those of the Western European countries mentioned here.

This finding is consistent with complaints made increasingly in recent years by English university professors of declining mathematical standards of students now entering mathematics, science and engineering departments.

England has not been bereft in the past generation of major policy initiatives to raise schooling attainments. The secondary school system has been "comprehensivised" (virtual elimination of selective secondary schools for high-attaining pupils), there was a large-scale governmental inquiry specifically into mathematics teaching in 1992 and a national curriculum has been introduced for primary and secondary schools.

In that perspective, the TIMSS report on mathematical attainments may be interpreted as being of a familiar disappointing sort — England "should be capable of doing better", "must try harder", "needs to reconsider basic study habits".

Little, if anything, seems to have been achieved to advance low-attaining pupils, while top-attaining pupils seem to have lost their international excellence.

The full text of Professor Prais's article in the Journal of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research *is available for £5 from NIESR Publications, 2 Dean Trench Street, London SWIP 3HE.*

Mathematics scores at 13 and 14

	Age year 9	Score year 8	Score year 9	Median score at 13	Annual rise
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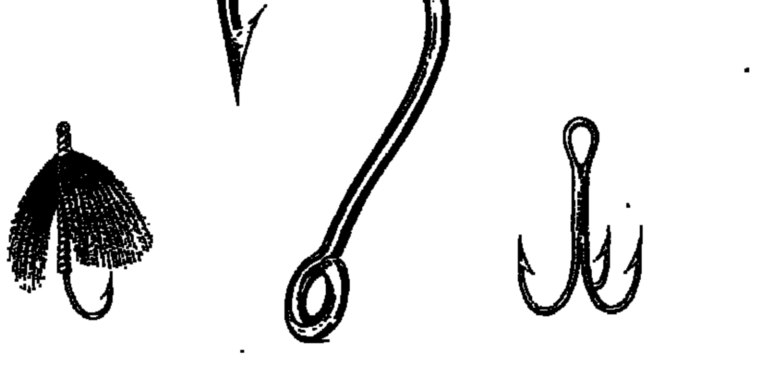

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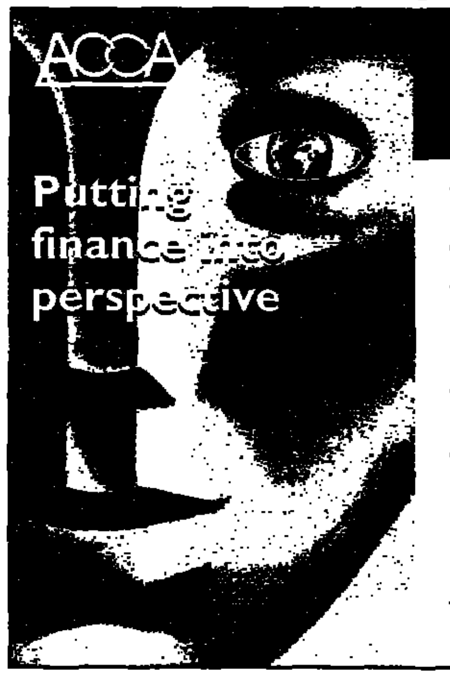

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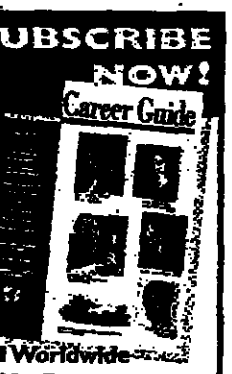

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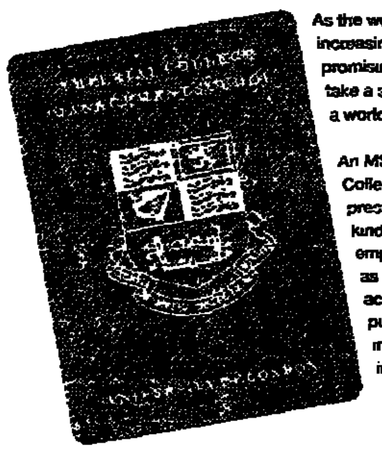

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Court of Appeal

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Dismissal before transfer lawful

Wilson and Others v St Helens Borough Council
Sanders and Another v St Helens Borough Council
Meade v British Fuels Ltd
Baxendale v British Fuels Ltd

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas

[Judgment July 10]

The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794) could not be applied to dismissals before a relevant transfer so that the transferor might validly, albeit unfairly, terminate his employees' contracts so that they were not employed immediately before the transfer.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing appeals by St Helens Borough Council from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (*The Times* April 10, 1996) in claims brought by nine members of its staff, and by two employees of British Fuels Ltd from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal on July 24, 1996 in favour of the company.

Regulation 5 of the 1981 Regulations which implemented the Acquired Rights Directive (77/187/EEC) of the Council of the European Communities (OJ 1977 L61/26) provides:

"(1) ... a relevant transfer shall not operate so as to terminate the contract of employment of any person employed by the transferor in the undertaking ... but any such contract which would otherwise have been terminated by the transfer shall have effect after the transfer as if originally made between the person employed and the transferee."

Regulation 8 provides: "(1) Where either before or after a relevant transfer any employee of the transferor or transferee is dismissed, that employee shall be treated ... as unfairly dismissed if the transfer or a reason connected with it is the reason or principal reason for his dismissal."

Article 4 of the Acquired Rights Directive provides: "(1) The transfer of an undertaking, business or part of a business shall not in itself constitute grounds for dismissal by the transferor or the transferee. This provision shall not stand in the way of dismissals that may take place for economic, technical or organisational reasons entailing changes in the workforce."

Miss Cherie Booth, QC and Mr Simon Gorton for St Helens Borough Council; Mr Patrick Elias, QC and Mr Nicholas Randall for the St Helens employees; Mr David Bean, QC and Mr Nicholas Randall for the British Fuels employees; Mr Nicholas Underhill and Mr Brian Napier for British Fuels Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that the two separately constituted appeal tribunals had apparently reached decisions which were inconsistent in their interpretation and application of the 1981 Regulations and the Acquired Rights Directive.

The question common to both decisions was whether on the transfer of an undertaking, notice given by the transferor to determine the contracts of employment of his employees which was valid under English law was effective to determine the contracts of those employees who had been offered and accepted employment with the transferee on less favourable terms and conditions.

In the St Helens appeal a community home owned by trustees and managed by Lancashire County Council employed a staff of 162. In 1990 the county council decided that its financial resources would no longer allow it to run the home.

The trustees asked St Helens Borough Council to assume responsibility and they only agreed to do so on the understanding that it made no demands on their financial resources.

The scale of the operation was to be substantially reduced and the staff reduced from 162 employed by the county to 72 employed by St Helens.

Necessarily, the job descriptions of the new posts differed from those when the home was run by the county and in some cases the loss of allowances resulted in a significant loss of earnings.

Matters having been thus arranged, the county gave notice terminating on grounds of redundancy the employment of the 72 members of the staff who had accepted the new posts on September 30, 1992 and they took up their new employment on October 1, 1992.

It was wrongly assumed that the transfer of the management did not attract the provisions of the 1981 Regulations and the Directive.

On March 2, 1993 the employees' trade union, NASUWT, wrote to St Helens Borough Council pointing out that the transfer of the home was a relevant transfer within the meaning of the 1981 regulation and claiming that the employees were therefore employed under the terms and conditions of their former contracts with the county council. An industrial tribunal found for the employees but the appeal tribunal rejected their claims.

In the appeals by British Fuels Ltd employees, the appellants, Mr Meade and Mr Baxendale, had been employed by the British Coal Corporation (BCC) since 1978. In July 1992 BCC told both employees that it intended to merge the subsidiary company they worked for with another they had taken over and that the new company would be called British Fuels Ltd.

On August 20, 1992 the appellants were given three months notice starting the following day, and promised redundancy payments. On the same day BFL offered both appellants employment from September 1, 1992 on different and less favourable terms which they accepted.

On January 22, 1993 BFL wrote to the appellants proposing a change in the terms and conditions of their appointments. The change was to include a statement that their previous service would be treated as though it was continuous service with BFL. Neither BFL nor the appellants realised that the 1981 Regulations and the Directive applied to the merger.

Both appellants accepted the revised terms. On September 21, 1994 Mr Meade issued a complaint to an industrial tribunal claiming entitlement to a declaration that he was still employed by BFL under the same terms and conditions as he had enjoyed when employed by the subsidiary of BCC. The tribunal dismissed his claim, finding that he was employed under the terms set out in the notice signed by him on April 23, 1993.

Mr Baxendale was dismissed for redundancy in February 1995. He complained to an industrial tribunal and also sought a declaration of his terms of employment with BFL. The tribunal found that his terms of employment were those set out in the letter which he had signed of May 14, 1993. The appeals of both appellants were dismissed by the appeal tribunal.

Miss Booth argued that the decision of the tribunal should be restored. The appeal tribunal had erred in substituting for the finding of the tribunal that the reason for dismissal was economic or organisational its own finding that the transfer was the reason for the change of conditions.

Mr Underhill argued that BFL's employees' contracts had been validly terminated by notice on August 20, 1992. That dismissal prevented their contracts transferring to BFL.

Mr Elias, supported by Mr Bean, argued that the interpretation which had been put on the Acquired Rights Directive by the European Court of Justice in *Foreningen af Arbejdsledere i Danmark v Daddy's Dance Hall A/S* ([1988] ECR 739) and *Bork (P) International A/S v A/S Danmols Inventar* ([1985] ECR 2639) was clear and uncompromising that contracts of employment continued and could not be determined. Nor could the employee agree to take employment with the transferee on less favourable terms because it would be against public policy.

His Lordship said that regulation 8(1) presupposed that the transfer was the reason, or principal reason for the termination of the employee's contract and in that event regulation 5 provided that the transfer was not to determine the contract which was to have effect as if made with the transferee.

The regulations had to be read as a whole and the court or tribunal had to seek the reason for the termination of the contract and not the manner in which it was effected by the employer.

To uphold an employer's right validly to dismiss employees in that way would deprive them of the benefit of their contracts of employment and leave them only with remedies to enforce secondary obligations.

It would, moreover, be inconsistent with the interpretation with of regulation 5(3) of the 1981 Regulations in *Litster v Forth Dry Dock & Engineering Co Ltd* ([1990] 1 AC 546, 568).

Regulation 8 clearly envisaged dismissal both before and after a relevant transfer; before transfer such a dismissal could only be effected by the transferor.

The regulation drew a distinction between those dismissals which were unfair, because the reason or principal reason for them was the transfer or a reason connected with it, and those which were to be regarded as not unfair because the reason or principal reason for them was an economic, technical or organisational reason entailing changes in the work force.

Thus if a contract of employment was terminated for such a reason, it was not to be regarded as terminated by the transfer itself although the termination might occur on the occasion of the transfer.

In the St Helens appeal the industrial tribunal effectively held that the reason or principal reason why the contracts of employment were terminated was an economic or organisational reason.

Accordingly, the regulations had to be interpreted in a way which was consistent with article 4(1) of the Directive so that the provisions of regulation 5 did not apply to continue the contracts of employment with St Helens.

On that basis when the employees took up their new positions on October 2, 1992 they did so on the terms of the new contracts.

In the appeal by the BFL employees, Mr Underhill forcefully argued that even if the contracts were to be deemed to continue after the transfer they could not be regarded as indeterminable and that, at least by April 23, 1993 in Mr Meade's case and May 14 in Mr Baxendale's, they should be regarded as being employed on the terms and conditions then agreed. It was still necessary, however, to ask whether the transfer or a reason connected with it was the reason or principal reason for the determination.

Although the new terms varied the hours of work and rates of pay, the principal reason for the alteration appeared to have been to reflect BFL's letter to the employees of January 22, 1993 by which BFL had agreed to restore continuity of employment.

Thus it would seem that the reason for the changes was connected with the transfer and there was no evidence of any other reason. His Lordship concluded that the transfer or a reason connected with it remained the effective reason for the changes.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas agreed.

Solicitors: Mrs Vivienne J. Horton, St Helens; Reynolds Porter Chamberlain; Hopkin & Son, Mansfield; Nabarro Nathanson, Sheffield.

Court of Appeal

Threat insufficient to found jurisdiction

Mennell v Newell & Wright (Transport Contractors) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Phillips, Lord Justice Waller and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment July 10]

Section 5(1)(a) of the Wages Act 1986 did not confer jurisdiction on an industrial tribunal to entertain a complaint by an employee that his dismissal was unfair because he had asserted a statutory right not to suffer unauthorised pay deductions unless the employer had actually deducted money unlawfully from the employee's wages. The mere threat of a deduction was not sufficient to found jurisdiction.

Section 60A of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, inserted by the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993 and now section 104 of the Employment Rights Act 1996, applied even where the employee did not have the two years' continuous service required to qualify for the general right under section 54 of the 1978 Act not to be unfairly dismissed.

It was not confined to cases where the relevant statutory right had been infringed, but included cases where the employee alleged that the reason for dismissal was that he had alleged that his employer had infringed his statutory right. Provided it was made in good faith such an allegation need not be correct either as to the entitlement to the right or to its infringement.

However, on the facts in the instant case, the employee had been unable to establish that he had made any such allegation.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Newell & Wright (Transport Contractors) Ltd from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (*The Times* May 2, 1996; [1996] ICR 607) allowing an interlocutory appeal by Kevin Mennell from a decision of a Sheffield industrial tribunal on May 10, 1995 that it had no jurisdiction to hear his complaint that he had been dismissed when he refused to agree a new contract which he asserted had the effect of providing for unlawful deductions from his wages contrary to the Wages Act 1986.

Mr Martyn Barklem for the employer; Mr Nigel Grundy for the employee.

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY said the employee had invoked section 60A of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 which conferred a right not to be dismissed on the ground of asserting a statutory right.

From March 1993 until November 1994 the employee was employed by the appellants as a driver. In September 1994 the employer had issued a draft standard form of contract to all its drivers and invited each to sign.

The draft contract contained a provision not in the existing employment contract that enabled the firm in the event of the employee's resignation to deduct from the employee's final pay the cost of his training in the carriage of dangerous goods.

The employee had refused to sign, although all his colleagues had done so. He was dismissed and complained of unfair dismissal. The employer maintained that he did not have the necessary two years' service to qualify for the right not to be unfairly dismissed and that in any event he had been fairly dismissed for "some other substantial reason".

The employee then sought leave to amend the complaint to cover dismissal for asserting a statutory right, namely protection against unlawful deductions from pay contrary to the Wages Act 1986.

The industrial tribunal had unanimously decided that it had no jurisdiction to hear the complaint because the employee had not been continuously employed for two years and on the alleged facts no statutory right could come into effect until the deduction or failure to pay money had actually taken place.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal had held that section 60A(1)(b) applied where an employee alleged in good faith that his employer had infringed a relevant right.

There was no requirement that the right be actually infringed. Thus if the employer sought by dismissal to impose a variation of the contract of employment to incorporate a term which negated the employee's statutory right not to suffer a reduction of wages without his consent, that was or might be an infringement of his statutory right at the time the threat was made. The appeal tribunal had remitted the matter for hearing before a different industrial tribunal.

Although his Lordship agreed with the appeal tribunal's reasoning on the construction of section 60A, the industrial tribunal had been right on the facts to reject jurisdiction. The employee had no general right not to be unfairly dismissed as he had not been continuously employed for not less than two years. It followed that, apart from the possible application of section 60A, the industrial tribunal had no jurisdiction to entertain a complaint by the employee that he had been unfairly dismissed.

Dismissal for not agreeing to variations in the contract might well be regarded as unfair, but it was not in law sufficient to confer jurisdiction on the tribunal.

The industrial tribunal had no jurisdiction to hear a complaint by the employee under the Wages Act 1986. A worker might present a complaint under that Act even if he could not satisfy the two-year service requirement, but section 5(1) of the 1986 Act made it clear that the industrial tribunal might only hear a complaint by a worker in a case where the employer "has made a deduction from his wages". There was no jurisdiction to complain about a threatened deduction from wages, there had to be an actual deduction.

The critical question raised by the employee's reliance on section 60A was: what was the reason for his dismissal by the employer?

The two possible answers were:

1 He had been dismissed for refusal to sign the contract, which without more would not bring the case within section 60A and would leave the tribunal without jurisdiction;

2 He had alleged that his employers had infringed a relevant statutory right: section 60A(1)(b).

His Lordship agreed with the Employment Appeal Tribunal that the industrial tribunal was wrong to construe section 60A as confined to cases where the right under the Wages Act had been infringed. It was sufficient if the employee had alleged that his employer had infringed his statutory right and that the making of that allegation was the reason for his dismissal.

The employee could not succeed in establishing that such an allegation was the reason for his dismissal, because he was unable to identify when, where, to whom or in what terms he had alleged that the employer had infringed his relevant statutory rights.

Lord Justice Waller and Lord Justice Phillips agreed.

Solicitors: Russell & Creswick, Sheffield; Towns Needham & Co, Manchester.

Equitable assignment of shares possible

In re Harvard Securities Ltd (in Liquidation)
Holland v Newbury and Another

Before Mr Justice Neuberger

[Judgment June 20]

Although there could not, in English law, be a valid equitable assignment of an unappropriated interest in chattels, there could be such an equitable assignment of shares.

Mr Justice Neuberger so held in the Chancery Division in holding, on the application of the liquidator of Harvard Securities Ltd: (i) that the proper law for determining the issues, whether its former clients had a beneficial interest in shares it sold to and held for them (a) as to shares in United States securities, and shares in Australian securities sold to clients on or after July 14, 1986, was English law (b) as to shares in Australian securities sold to them before July 14, 1986, was Australian law; (ii) that in English law, but not Australian law, the former clients had a beneficial interest in the number of shares recorded in Harvard's books as sold to them.

Mr David Halpern for the liquidator; the respondents did not appear and were not represented.

MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER said that up to 1988 Harvard, a licensed dealer in securities, had acquired and sold to clients various registered Australian and USA shares, issuing contract notes for the former, to the effect that so many shares had been bought by order of the client, who was told in a side-letter that his non-numbered shares were held in nominee name on his behalf.

At some date, which his Lordship took to be not earlier than July 14, 1986, those contract notes were amended so as to provide that their provisions were to be subject to and construed in accordance with English law.

USA shares were registered in the name of a nominee company, the relevant share certificates being held by a bank in London to Harvard's order. Clients were told that their non-numbered shares were being held "to your order under a nominee name".

There were four seminal authorities:

1 *In re Wait* ([1927] 1 Ch 606) where a majority of the Court of Appeal had held that sub-purchasers of 500 tons of wheat, out of a cargo of "1,000 tons ... ex Challenger", who had paid for that 500 but not taken delivery before the purchaser went bankrupt, had no beneficial interest and so were left to prove for damages in the bankruptcy.

2 *In re London Wine Company (Shippers) Ltd* ([1986] PCC 121) where Mr Justice Oliver had held, similarly, that purchasers out of the company's substantial stocks of wine, who had been given certificates of title as sole and beneficial owners, got no beneficial interest, even when purchasing the total stock of a particular wine.

3 *In re Goldcorp Exchange Ltd* ([1995] 1 AC 74) where the Privy Council, approving both the previous cases, ruled similarly in respect to claims by customers to whom Goldcorp had sold bullion which it then purported to store for them.

4 *Hunter v Moss* ([1994] 1 WLR 452) argued and decided by the Court of Appeal after argument had been concluded but before the decision had been given, in Goldcorp. Moss, registered holder of 950 shares in a company with 1,000 shares issued capital, orally agreed he would hold 5 per cent of the issued shares in trust for Hunter. Lord Justice Dillon, distinguishing *London Wine* as being concerned with the appropriations of chattels and when the property in chattels passed said: "We are concerned with a declaration of trust, accepting that the legal title remained in [Moss] and was not intended ... to pass immediately to [Hunter]." The House of Lords had refused Hunter leave to appeal.

Underhill & Hayton's Law Relating to Trusts and Trustees (15th edition (1995)) boldly submitted that *Hunter v Moss* was wrong because "there is no sound reasoning for distinguishing trusts of goods from trusts of intangibles" but his Lordship was bound by it and unable to distinguish it.

Accordingly, the holders of rights to shares governed by English Law must be held to have beneficial interests in them.

The position was otherwise under Australian law, according to a detailed report from Australian lawyers which concluded that Harvard's former clients would not have any equitable interest in any of the Australian shares held by Harvard, it being necessary there to establish certainty of subject matter in relation to a trust or equitable assignment of securities by identifying or allocating them.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor.

Judicial notice of knife

Director of Public Prosecutions v Hynde

Before Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Gage

[Judgment July 3]

A butterfly knife was necessarily an article for use for causing injury to the person and judicial notice could be taken of that fact.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment when allowing an appeal by the prosecution by way of case stated against the acquittal by Mr Stephen Day, Uxbridge stipendiary magistrate on January 24, 1997 of Christine Hynde of having with her in an aerodrome an article made for use for causing injury contrary to section 4(2)(c) of the Aviation Security Act 1982.

Mr Nicholas Coleman for the prosecution; the defendant did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that the issue was whether the article in question, a butterfly knife, was made for use for causing injury to the person.

In the schedule to the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order (SI 1988 No 2019) a butterfly knife was defined as: "a blade enclosed by its handle, which is designed to split down the middle, without the operation of a spring or other mechanical means to reveal the blade".

Whether a type of weapon was made for causing injury to the person was a question of fact, but in certain circumstances it could be a matter of judicial notice.

In *R v Simpson (Calvin)* ([1983] 1 WLR 1494) the Court of Appeal held that a flick knife was offensive per se, in that it was necessarily made for use for causing injury to the person, since its very design betrayed the purpose for which it was made.

In his Lordship's judgment the butterfly knife was essentially the same weapon, involving the same features of concealment, speed and surprise as the flick knife.

Justice would be affronted if either in every case there had to be oral evidence of the manufacturer's intention, or if the same butterfly knife was found to be an offensive weapon by one fact-finding tribunal and not by another.

The magistrate could and should have taken judicial notice of the fact that a butterfly knife was an article made for use for causing injury to a person.

Mr Justice Gage agreed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Harrow.

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Transfer of local authority property

Stirling Council and Another v Local Government Property Commission and Another

Before Lord Bonomy

[Judgment May 7]

The power of the Local Government Property Commission (Scotland) when making a determination in relation to an individual item of heritable property under article 3(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Property Transfers) (Scotland) Order (SI 1995 No 2500) was limited to ordering transfer to a single successor authority established under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994.

Lord Bonomy, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held dismissing a petition for judicial review of a decision of the Local Government Property Commission (Scotland) at the instance of Stirling Council and Clackmannanshire Council.

Mr Stuart Gale, QC and Mr Donald Rae for the petitioners; Mr William Galbraith, QC and and Mr James Mure for the first respondents; Mr Roy Martin, QC and Mr Ralph Smith for Falkirk Council, the second respondents.

LORD BONOMY said that the 1994 Act made provision for the property of existing local authorities to be transferred to new unitary authorities.

The petition related to the transfer of a quarry which had been owned by a regional council whose functions had passed to three unitary authorities. Those were the two petitioners and the second respondents on whose land the quarry was situated.

The petitioners had applied under the statutory scheme to the first respondent for a direction that the quarry should be transferred to the joint ownership of the three authorities. The first respondent had decided that it did not have the power to do so. Judicial review and reduction of that decision was sought.

The petition was concerned with the interpretation of article 3(3)(b) of the 1995 Order which the first respondent considered that it had power under article 3(3)(b) to direct that the quarry be transferred to a single other successor authority.

That interpretation was challenged in the petition on the basis that the expression "such other successor authority" should be construed as including the plural in terms of section 6(c) of the Interpretation Act 1978.

In his Lordship's opinion, giving the terms of article 3(3)(b) their ordinary meaning demonstrated a clear intention that the provisions of section 6(c) of the 1978 Act should not apply.

The article dealt with specific property referred to as "it" being transferred to "such other successor authority" as might be specified by the first respondent. The plain meaning of that provision was that the property in its entirety might be transferred to one other successor authority.

The first stage was to identify what the property was. The word was used extensively throughout article 1 and was defined and used throughout to describe the thing which was transferred rather than the right or title therein.

"It" referred to the thing rather than a particular right therein. It followed that the transferring authority must, if a direction were made, divest itself of the property and retain no interest therein. In articles 6 and 7 the singular and plural were used in a way which indicated singular and plural respectively were intended. Both referred to "the authority to which that property is proposed to be transferred" in the context of a determination under article 3(1) and a direction under article 3(3).

That pointed to the power of the first respondent when making a determination in relation to an individual item of property under article 3(1)(b) being limited to ordering transfer to a single successor authority.

It was perfectly consistent with the whole purpose of the 1994 Act to transfer local authority functions to unitary authorities to provide that in the absence of agreement heritable property of a disaggregating authority should transfer to the ownership of a single successor authority.

The first respondents had correctly interpreted their powers and the petition would be dismissed.

Law agents: Wright Johnston & Mackenzie; Tods Murray, WS; Gray Muirhead, WS.

Additional evidence should be allowed

Kriba v Secretary of State for the Home Department

Before Loud Hamilton

[Judgment March 19]

Where evidence for an applicant for asylum was not challenged by the presenting officer and was uncontradicted, came from an apparently responsible source and was a vital element in the applicant's case, a special adjudicator should not reject that evidence without first affording to the applicant an opportunity to adduce additional evidence.

Lord Hamilton, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, pronouncing decree of reduction of a decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal to refuse Mr Ahmed Kriba leave to appeal against a decision of a special adjudicator to refuse his appeal against the refusal of an application for asylum.

Mr Robert Sutherland for the petitioner; Mrs Susan O'Brien, QC, for the respondent.

LORD HAMILTON said that the petitioner was of Algerian nationality. In 1986 he had been given leave to enter the UK for 12 months and in 1989 had been removed as an illegal entrant.

He had returned in 1991 using a French identity card to which he had not been entitled and had remained in the country until in 1996 he had been arrested on another matter.

He had then applied for asylum. He had appealed to a special adjudicator against the refusal of asylum and leave to appeal to the Immigration Appeal Tribunal had been refused.

One of his contentions was that he had a well founded fear of being persecuted if he returned to Algeria because he was a person who had sought asylum.

He relied on a letter from Amnesty International which referred to a report in an Algerian newspaper that Algerians who unsuccessfully sought asylum abroad and were forcibly returned to Algeria were likely to be arrested and questioned and that there was in turn a risk of their being detained, and, in that event, being tortured.

The letter had not been challenged by the presenting officer. However, the adjudicator had stated that it was "anecdotal, inadequately sourced and not authoritative" and had rejected it as evidence for the petitioner's contention. He had not given the petitioner an opportunity to adduce additional evidence.

His Lordship observed that reliance was commonly placed on information from Amnesty International.

The weighing of the evidence had been a matter for the special adjudicator and the fact that evidence had not been challenged by the presenting officer did not of itself oblige the special adjudicator to accept it.

In the present case, however, where the evidence was not only unchallenged and uncontradicted but came from an apparently responsible source and was a vital element in the petitioner's case, it was, in his Lordship's view, procedurally unfair to reject it without first affording to the petitioner an opportunity to adduce support for it.

The inferences to be drawn from the evidence were, of course, likewise matters for the special adjudicator, but peremptorily to reject the evidence itself was in the circumstances an impropriety which, in his Lordship's view, vitiated the special adjudicator's final conclusion which had proceeded on that rejection.

His Lordship proceeded on the premise, adopted by both parties, that the majority decision of the tribunal in *Kaja v Secretary of State for the Home Department* ([1995] Imm AR 1) that the lower standard applied to all aspects of proving that a person was a convention refugee, was sound in law. His Lordship reserved his own opinion on that matter.

Law agents: Lindsays, WS, for Gray & Co, Glasgow; Solicitor to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

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RACING: AMERICAN JOCKEY LINKED WITH SINGSPIEL OR PREDAPPIO FOR ASCOT SHOWPIECE

Stevens awaits King George invitation

By Chris McGrath

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Stevens, who gained his first British victory on Predappio, left, in the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot, is set to return for the King George

GARY STEVENS, the inspirational American jockey, is set to return to Ascot tomorrow week to ride either Singspiel or Predappio in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. His participation provides appropriate embellishment to what is shaping up as one of the best races staged in Europe for years.

Stevens illuminated the rainswept final day of last month's royal meeting with an indomitable performance on Predappio in the Hardwicke Stakes — the perfect finishing flourish to a ten-day visit, intended to pave the way for a longer European stint in the future.

Now Stevens, 34, wants to consolidate those foundations. As well as Predappio, he has also ridden Singspiel, winning last year's Canadian International before finishing second in the Breeders' Cup Turf. Yesterday, his agent, Ron Anderson, confirmed that he had offered his services for either horse — and it is hard to see Sheikh Mohammed rejecting, in the rider of 4,000 winners, the perfect solution to a major headache over riding personnel.

For Frankie Dettori looks like being a victim of his own, similarly charismatic success. The Italian has proved uniquely capable of bewitching Shantou, the St Leger winner, into producing his best — and the colt's trainer, John Gosden, yesterday admitted that Dettori's availability was a precondition to his planned participation.

The sheikh, who owns Shantou, would then need to find a rider for Singspiel, as well as the Godolphin pair, Predappio and Swain. Bookmakers are clear where Dettori's own interests lie, Coral dismissing Shantou at 12-1 behind three other top-class horses. The company has chalked up the French champion, Helissio, as 13-8 favourite, with Singspiel 2-1 and Pilsudksi 100-30. The Tote, which quotes Shantou at 16-1, also goes 13-8 against Helissio, followed by 3-1 about Singspiel and 7-2 Pilsudski.

But Gosden was emphatic, saying: "There is no point running Shantou without Frankie, let's put it that way. I've just got back from the United States, and we won't be sorting things out until the weekend, but the plan at the moment is to run." Dettori was released from his Godolphin commitments to ride Shantou in the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket last week, and duly coaxed his mount home from Swain.

Clearly, the sheikh can make whatever arrangements suit him best, and Dettori — who has won the Japan Cup and Coronation Cup on Singspiel — may be required to surrender the ride to Stevens.

Mick Kinane is already booked for Pilsudski. But Olivier Peslier could fit the bill for one of the other vacant saddles, having lost the ride on Helissio (to Cash Asmussen) when unable to guarantee his availability. Pat Eddery, who has been riding Kingfisher Mill, may be offered the chance to switch to one of the Godolphin pair — of whom Coral prefers Swain at 10-1, though the Tote offers 16-1; both firms quote Predappio at 12-1.

The Godolphin horses, confirmed as runners yesterday, will be attempting to redeem a season that Simon Crisford, their racing manager, describes as "a write-off". But the Dubai pioneers' disappointments could yet be sweetened by an adventurous tilt at the Melbourne Cup, with Classic Cliche.

"Classic Cliche will have only two runs before Melbourne, in the Goodwood Cup and the Irish St Leger," Crisford said.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SHELTERING SKY
(5.30 Newbury)
Next best: Russian Rose
(5.00 Newbury)

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2.40 Always Lucky. 3.10 Suga Hawk. 3.40 Winnebago. 4.10 Goretski. 4.40 Huxdeen. 5.10 Bowcliffe.

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2.40 ROBIN COOK AND UNISON STAFF CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,388: 5f) (7 runners)

1	55	JUNIOR MUFFIN 28 J Berry 8-11	K Darley 7
2	5123	ALWAYS LUCKY 27 (BF,D) J Berry 8-6	T E Durcan (5) 5
3		SLEW MAGIC W G M Turner 8-2	S Carson (7) 6
4	56	DISPOL EMERALD 15 S Kettlewell 8-0	L Charnock 4
5	5331	ORIEL GIRL 15 (V,D,S) P Evans 8-0	J F Egan 3
6	0050	NGAERE PRINCESS 11 W Kemp 7-10	P Bradley (7) 1
7	0	PRIDE OF BRYN 8 D Smith 7-10	T Williams 2

5-4 Always Lucky, 9-4 Oriel Girl, 3-1 Junior Muffin, 10-1 others.

3.10 GJW LIMITED STAKES (£2,931: 1m 4f) (11)

1	1150	LORD ADVOCATE 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Nolan 9-9-10	K Sked (5) 11
2	3042	FORZAIR 14 (D) J J O'Neill 5-9-8	R Lappin 10
3	0401	KERNOF 25 (CD,F,S) M Hammond 4-9-8	J Carroll 7
4	2015	SHEROY 13 (BF,D,F,G) S Kettlewell 5-9-8	J Fortune 5
5	3524	SUGA HAWK 7 (S) E Alston 5-9-8	T E Durcan (5) 6
6	0020	ESSAYEFFSEE 10 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-6	K Darley 1
7	0006	GENERAL GLOW 27 (D,F) P Evans 4-9-6	J F Egan 4
8	6354	OBERONS BOY 14 (G) S Dow 4-9-6	A Culhane 2
9	0-0-	RALITSA 108J (S) R Whitaker 5-9-6	Dean McKeown 3
10	0062	CLASSIC BALLET 14 (BF,F) R Guest 4-9-3	C Lowther (7) 8
11	6003	GET A LIFE 11 J O'Reilly 4-9-3	V Halliday 9

7-2 Oberons Boy, 5-1 Kernof, Classic Ballet, 7-1 Forzair, Essayeffsee, 8-1 Lord Advocate, Get A Life, 10-1 others.

3.40 INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY HANDICAP (£2,983: 2m) (15)

1	4056	WELL ARMED 14 J J O'Neill 6-10-0	J Carroll 14
2	5-30	MARSAYAS 32 (D,G) M Camacho 4-9-10	L Charnock 5
3	11-0	BOLD ELECT 6 (C,F,G,S) E Alston 9-9-6	J F Egan 12
4	0032	WINNEBAGO 29 C Thornton 4-9-1	Dean McKeown 9
5	3543	COIS NA FARRAIGE 7 (F) Mrs L Perratt 4-9-0	T E Durcan (5) 4
6	002	GYMCRAK TIGER 15 (B,G) G Holmes 7-9-0	J Fortune 15
7	P-45	THUNDERHEART 25 (D,F,G) R Allan 6-9-0	K Darley 7
8	5232	CHARITY CRUSADER 13 (G) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-10	A Culhane 1
9	06-0	MEADOW BLUE 10 Miss L Siddall 4-8-8	O Pears 3
10	3006	GREYSON 18 F Watson 4-8-6	K M Chin (5) 13
11	5023	WELLCOME INN 15 J O'Reilly 3-8-5	J O'Reilly 11
12	0505	GYMCRAK CYRANO 15 (C,F,S) N Chamberlain 3-7-11	N Kennedy 2
13	-051	VINTAGE TAITTINGER 18 (CD,S) J Goldie 5-7-11	J McAuley (7) 8
14	0/00	OPERATIC DANCER 7 R McKellar 6-7-10	Jenny Benson (7) 5
15	-007	VALIANT DASH 11 J Goldie 11-7-10	T Williams 10

[illegible] Winnebago, [illegible] Cois Na Farraige, Vintage Taittinger, Valiant Dash, 8-1 Bold Elect, Charity Crusader, Wellcome Inn, Gymcrak Cyrano, 10-1 others.

4.10 STUC CENTENARY HANDICAP (£3,485: 5f) (6)

1	1111	GORETSKI 2 (D,F,S) N Tinkler 4-10-0 (7ex)	P Roberts (5) 1
2	6110	PALACEGATE JACK 7 (B,D,F,G,S) J Berry 6-9-12	T E Durcan (5) 2
3	6221	PALLIUM 7 (B,CD,F,G) D Nolan 9-8-13 (7ex)	K Sked (5) 6
4	0444	SILK COTTAGE 2 (CD,F) R Whitaker 5-8-12	Dean McKeown 4
5	4154	ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 7 (D,F) R McKellar 5-8-8	J McAuley (7) 3
6	0045	SIX FOR LUCK 7 (CD,F) D Nolan 5-8-4	J Carroll 5

13-8 Goretski, 11-4 Pallium, 6-1 Palacegate Jack, Another Nightmare, 8-1 Silk Cottage, Six For Luck.

4.40 DAILY RECORD YES YES SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,814: 7f 30yd) (12)

1	2240	MAKAHU DON 4 (C,F) W Kemp 9-2	O Pears 7
2	4442	CAPTAIN BLISS 15 (B) N Tinkler 8-11	R Winston (7) 1
3	0	FULL MOON 18 (B) P Evans 8-11	J F Egan 11
4	231	HUXLEEN 38 (D,F) W G M Turner 8-11	D Sweeney (5) 5
5		INGLE BOY B Mactaggart 8-11	V Halliday 4
6	00	LUDERE 13 W Haigh 8-11	R Lappin 8
7	000	WEE CHRISTY 21 (B) W McKeown 8-11	N Connorton 12
8	6	ANNIEMITCHELLSLASS 17 D Moffatt 8-6	Darren Moffatt (3) 9
9	666	COSMIC CASE 25 J Goldie 8-6	T Williams 6
10	0	GAY DA CHEEN 46 J Carr 8-6	N Kennedy 2
11	0	LA VASO VERDI 76 R Whitaker 8-6	G Parkin (3) 3
12	0	PETITE TACHE 13 N Chamberlain 8-6	K Sked (5) 10

6-4 Huxleen, 3-1 Captain Bliss, 8-1 Makahu Don, 10-1 Full Moon, Cosmic Case, 14-1 Ludere, Anniemitchellslass, 16-1 others.

5.10 HERALD HANDICAP (£2,996: 1m) (14)

1	3151	BOWCLIFFE 13 (CD,F,G) E Alston 6-10-0	J F Egan 8
2	0330	TISSUE OF LIES 20 (D) M Johnston 4-9-12	K M Chin (3) 2
3	5202	LEGAL ISSUE 15 (C,F,G,S) W Haigh 5-9-9	R Lappin 5
4	0040	BULSARA 23 (F) C Fairhurst 5-9-8	K Sked (5) 14
5	0500	SPANISH VERDICT 11 (CD,F,S) D Smith 10-9-5	C Teague (3) 6
6	0020	NEEDLE MATCH 17 J J O'Neill 4-9-5	O Pears 10
7	0652	NKAPEN ROCKS 11 J H Wilson 4-9-3	T E Durcan (5) 13
8	0506	KING OF SHOW 23 (V,C,F) R Allan 6-8-10	V Halliday 4
9	0-00	CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS 43 (CD,G) D Nicholls 5-8-10	G Parkin (3) 7
10	3300	DON'T WORRY MIKE 13 (B) F Lee 3-8-8	N Connorton 1
11	0000	MIDDAY COWBOY 10 M Hammond 4-8-8	D Sweeney (5) 12
12	060-	THORNTOUN JEWEL 387 (B) Miss Z Green 4-8-1	M Mathers (7) 3
13	0545	SECONDS AWAY 28 J Goldie 6-7-12	T Williams 11
14	6-00	CELIA'S RAINBOW 38 R Whitaker 4-7-10	N Kennedy 9

4-1 Bowcliffe, 5-1 Legal Issue, Nkapen Rocks, 6-1 Bulsara, 8-1 Tissue Of Lies, Needle Match, 10-1 Spanish Verdict, Champagne N Dreams, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 8 winners from 36 runners, 22.2%; J Berry, 37 from 173, 21.4%; R Guest, 3 from 14, 21.4%; Mrs M Reveley, 14 from 85, 16.5%; P Evans, 6 from 37, 16.2%; M Johnston, 19 from 122, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 40 winners from 190 rides, 21.1%; A Culhane, 13 from 76, 17.1%; J Egan, 4 from 27, 14.8%; V Halliday, 4 from 27, 14.8%; J Carroll, 24 from 163, 14.7%; O Pears, 4 from 31, 12.9%.

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2.20 Fenwick's Brother. 2.50 Brambleberry. 3.20 Belle Busk. 3.50 Punkah. 4.20 **REACH FOR GLORY** (nap). 4.50 Bullens Bay.

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2.20 FISHERTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,935: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

1	21-0	DANDIE IMP 27 (D,G,S) A Carroll 8-12-6	B Powell
2	55-0	FENWICK'S BROTHER 9 (F) Mrs S Smith 7-11-7	R Guest
3	[illegible]	WALLS COURT 4 (D,F,G) [illegible] 10-11-6	M Moloney
4	[illegible]	BAYERD 6 (CD,F,S) [illegible] 6-11-8	Michael Brennan (3)
5	[illegible]	RAYMAN 6 (F) Miss K George 9-11-0	A Maguire
6	[illegible]	STEP IN LINE 21 (F) G McCourt 5-10-4	T J Murphy
7	23-F	TELMAR SYSTEMS 41 (F,G) J Cullinan 8-10-2	R Johnson

[illegible] Bayerd, [illegible] Dandie Imp, 4-1 Walls Court, 5-1 Rayman, 7-1 others.

2.50 APPLEYARD & TREW HANDICAP CHASE (£4,667: 2m) (9)

1	[illegible]	NOBLELY 41 (CD,F,G,S) [illegible] 10-11-10	R Farrant
2	32-4	SET-AWAY 35 (D,F,G) Mrs D Haine 9-11-5	A P McCoy
3	66-5	JAZZY REFRAIN 19 (D,F,G,S) L Wells 7-11-5	A Maguire
4	[illegible]	[illegible] 40 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 5-11-4	R Garritty
5	[illegible]	BRAMBLEBERRY 9 (BF,D,G,S) Mrs S Smith 8-10-11	G F Ryan (5)
6	2-13	SIGMA RUN 6 (CD,F,G) J O'Shea 8-10-10	Michael Brennan (3)
7	P-65	NORTHERN OPTIMIST 6 (CD) B Llewellyn 9-10-0	Mr S Durack (7)
8	[illegible]	CHAT THE MAN 19 (F) [illegible] 8-10-0	Guy Lewis (3)
9	042-	STAPLEFORD LADY 14 (D,F) J S Moore 9-10-0	[illegible]

[illegible]

3.20 GRANT THORNTON MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,268: 2m) (5)

1	U0	AIRBORNE BLUE 9 J Jenkins 6-11-5	A Maguire
2	3-25	FRISKY THYME 27 M Hammond 8-11-5	R Garritty
3	02-3	IRENE'S PET 29 J Fox 7-11-5	S Fox
4	4-	RODERICK HUDSON 232 J Jenkins 5-11-5	A P McCoy
5	3F	BELLE BUSK 20 Mrs S Smith 5-11-0	R Guest

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3.50 MANCHESTER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,520: 2m) (7)

1	11	PUNKAH 27 (CD,F,S) G McCourt 4-12-0	R Studholme (7)
2	3-10	LIGHTNING QUEST 9 (G) Mrs S Smith 6-11-5	R Guest
3	[illegible]	GLOBAL DANCER 19 L Wells 6-11-3	A Maguire
4	5F-5	SPRING LOADED 41 (V,D,F) J G M O'Shea 6-10-6	Michael Brennan (3)
5	526-	ALPHA LEATHER 50 [illegible] 6-10-0	R Johnson
6	3P-4	ADMIRAL BRUNY 19 N Smith 5-10-0	C Llewellyn
7	P0-0	ALPHETON PRINCE 27 J A Harris 4-10-0	A S Smith

2-1 Global Dancer, 5-2 Punkah, 3-1 Lightning Quest, 6-1 Admiral Bruny, 10-1 Alpha Leather, 12-1 Spring Loaded, 33-1 Alpheton Prince.

4.20 OLDHAM SELLING HURDLE (£1,790: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1	40/3	REACH FOR GLORY 4 (CD,F,G) W G M Turner 8-12-5	J Power (3)
2	23-2	PIRETTO 41 (F) M Hammond 7-11-5	R Garritty
3	U-32	CHARLVIC 27 W Cunningham 7-10-12	L McGrath (7)
4	35-P	MEL 41 R Eckley 7-10-12	B Powell
5	P3P-	HENRIETTA BOO BOO 61P D Burchell 7-10-7	D J Burchell
6		SOPHIE LOCKETT 8F R Hogg 4-10-4	M Foster

7-4 Piretto, 9-4 Reach For Glory, 4-1 Charlvic, 5-1 Mel, 14-1 others.

4.50 EDINGLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,038: 3m 110yd) (5)

1	-002	BULLENS BAY 6 (D,F,S) B Llewellyn 8-12-6	A P McCoy
2	P5-4	NEW STATESMAN 20 (D,F) P Ritchens 9-10-8	S Fox
3	-23P	BITACRACK 2 (D,F,S) J Scriven 10-10-6	L O'Hara
4	553-	SCRIPT 65 (F,S) J Jenkins 6-10-6	A Maguire
5	600/	POLLYDALUS 459 G McCourt 6-10-0	R Studholme (7)

5-6 Bullens Bay, 4-1 Bitacrack, Script, 13-2 New Statesman, 12-1 Pollydalus.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs D Haine, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; J J O'Neill, 12 from 44, 27.3%; W G M Turner, 4 from 16, 25.0%; M Hammond, 6 from 28, 21.4%; B Llewellyn, 5 from 24, 20.8%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 20 winners from 63 rides, 31.7%; Michael Brennan, 6 from 20, 30.0%; R Johnson, 9 from 33, 27.3%; A P McCoy, 17 from 65, 26.2%; R Garritty, 7 from 29, 24.1%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME Musselburgh: 4.40 Full Moon, Wee Christy. 5.10 Don't Worry Mike. Newbury: 3.30 First Village. 4.00 Vanishing Trick. Newmarket: 7.30 Butrinto. 9.00 Kind Of Light. Pontefract: 6.45 Henry The Proud. 8.10 Prime Light, Energy Man. 9.10 King Chestnut. Salisbury: 7.20 [illegible].

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

6.30 Don Sebastian. 7.00 Corradini. 7.30 Bahamian Beauty. 8.00 Bold Oriental. 8.30 Alharir. 9.00 The Fugative

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

6.30 SPORTING INDEX SPREAD BETTING CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,818: 1m) (11 runners)

1	(10)	0042	DON SEBASTIAN 16 (BF) W Haggas 9-6	R Ffrench (3)	86
2	(1)	0-0	PRINCE DE LOIR 9 D Cosgrove 9-6	M Rimmer	–
3	(9)	2400	CHEVAL ROC 9 R Hannon 8-12	D O'Donohoe (3)	85
4	(4)	100	COLD STEEL 62 W Jarvis 8-8	K Fallon	98
5	(3)	2034	MY BELOVED 21 (F) R Hannon 8-5	A Whelan (3)	96
6	(6)	0065	GRESATRE 28 C Dwyer 8-4	Jo Hunnam (7)	98
7	(8)	344	MOON SONG 43 A Jarvis 8-3	D Holland	90
8	(5)	3423	POKER PRINCESS 13 (BF) M Bell 8-3	R Mullen (5)	92
9	(11)	63-6	PHYLIDA 39 P Makin 7-13	J Quinn	●
10	(2)	6340	MISS BARCELONA 3 M Polglase 7-11	J Lowe	88
11	(7)	4330	WINDBORN 4 (BF) C Allen 7-11	D Williams (7)	88

5-2 Don Sebastian, 5-1 Moon Song, 6-1 Poker Princess, 7-1 Phylida, 8-1 My Beloved, Windborn, 10-1 Cold Steel, Gresatre, Miss Barcelona, 14-1 others.

7.00 KINGS GAP CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,700: 1m 4f) (5)

SKY

1	(3)	6324	NASHAAN 13 (D,F,G) D Morley 4-9-7	R Hills	95
2	(2)	3-40	CAPTAIN HORATIUS 57 (D,F,G,S) J Dunlop 8-9-2	Pat Eddery	95
3	(4)	4332	CHABROL 14 (F) R Harris 4-9-2	S Sanders	81
4	(1)	0-34	CORRADINI 53 (D,F,G) H Cecil 5-9-2	K Fallon	●
5	(5)	41	PENTAD 20 (D,G) R Charlton 3-8-7	Paul Eddery	73

2-1 Corradini, 9-4 Captain Horatius, 3-1 Nashaan, 7-2 Pentad, 33-1 Chabrol.

7.30 HORSE RACING ABROAD MAIDEN STAKES (£3,913: 6f) (9)

SKY

1	(8)	4	BACCHUS 14 (BF) A Stewart 3-9-0	M Roberts	78
2	(2)	0	BEAU TUDOR 15 Miss L Siddall 3-9-0	T Siddall (7)	–
3	(3)	036	BUTRINTO 62 (B) W Hern 3-9-0	K Fallon	94
4	(4)	36	BAHAMIAN BEAUTY 98 (BF) D Loder 3-8-9	Pat Eddery	–
5	(5)	642	LISTED ACCOUNT 15 (BF) L Cumani 3-8-9	L Dettori	●
6	(1)		MARY CORNWALLIS G Wragg 3-8-9	M Hills	–
7	(9)	4-	NOBLE STORY 333 R Akehurst 3-8-9	S Sanders	79
8	(7)	5-32	POLISH ROMANCE 41 M Stoute 3-8-9	R Hills	98
9	(6)		TANARA L Cumani 3-8-9	R Ffrench (3)	–

5-2 Polish Romance, 11-4 Bahamian Beauty, 4-1 Listed Account, 7-1 Tanara, 8-1 Mary Cornwallis, 10-1 Bacchus, 12-1 Butrinto, 25-1 others.

8.00 SPORTING INDEX HANDICAP (£7,830: 1m 2f) (10)

SKY

1	(2)	2650	MAJOR CHANGE 6 (D,F) Miss G Kelleway 5-10-0	R Ffrench (3)	95
2	(8)	2151	SKY COMMANDER 21 (CD,S) M Stoute 3-9-0	L Dettori	98
3	(10)	2110	ALBAHA 93 J Banks 4-8-12	R Mullen (5)	98
4	(6)	1225	ROUFONTAINE 23 (D,F,G,S) W Muir 6-8-12	M Roberts	96
5	(9)	0206	EDAN HEIGHTS 9 (D,S) S Dow 5-8-11	S Sanders	98
6	(3)	431	MILITARY 20 (D,S) H Cecil 3-8-10	K Fallon	●
7	(4)	0056	BOLD ORIENTAL 9 (D,F) N Callaghan 3-8-8	Pat Eddery	97
8	(5)	4/2-	HERR TRIGGER 482 (B,CD,F) J Scargill 6-8-7	J Tate	96
9	(1)	5026	MANAZIL 9 (S) R Armstrong 3-8-6	R Hills	97
10	(7)	0050	MUTADARRA 28 (G) W Musson 4-7-11	J Quinn	91

3-1 Military, 7-2 Sky Commander, Bold Oriental, 13-2 Manazil, 8-1 Albaha, 10-1 Major Change, 12-1 Roufontaine, 16-1 others.

8.30 SOMERSHAM MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,818: 7f) (11)

SKY

1	(11)		ALHARIR J Dunlop 8-11	R Hills	–
2	(8)		CANTONESE R Charlton 8-11	Paul Eddery	–
3	(3)		DOATING J Hills 8-11	M Hills	–
4	(9)		GLOROSIA L Cumani 8-11	L Dettori	–
5	(5)		LITTLE MISS HUFF R Guest 8-11	P Bloomfield	–
6	(10)	2	MATATA 20 N Callaghan 8-11	Pat Eddery	●
7	(1)		MOONSTONE A Jarvis 8-11	D Holland	–
8	(6)		MYSTERIOUS ECOLOGY C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	–
9	(4)		OPERATIC M Bell 8-11	M Fenton	–
10	(7)		PARTICULAR FRIEND E Dunlop 8-11	K Fallon	–
11	(2)	40	SUPACALIFRAGILISTIK 46 C Brittain 8-11	S Sanders	76

3-1 Matata, 5-1 Alharir, 11-2 Cantonese, Glorosia, 6-1 Particular Friend, 10-1 Operatic, 14-1 Doating, Mysterious Ecology, 16-1 others.

9.00 HARSTON FILLIES HANDICAP (£4,199: 6f) (8)

1	(5)	5-00	GALINE 13 (C,D,F) W O'Gorman 4-10-0	Emma O'Gorman	96
2	(3)	0211	ALMASI 22 (D,F,G,S) C Wall 5-9-10	G Duffield	97
3	(1)	-021	ALWAYS ON MY MIND 14 (D,S) P Makin 3-9-5	S Sanders	●
4	(7)	0-00	KIND OF LIGHT 23 (V,CD,F,G) R Guest 4-9-2	P Bloomfield	97
5	(6)	0-1	MARY MAGDALENE 13 (S) M Bell 3-9-2	M Fenton	93
6	(4)	1115	THE FUGATIVE 6 (BF,D,G,S) P Mitchell 4-9-2 (6ex)	A Whelan (3)	98
7	(2)	0011	WATCH THE FIRE 13 (D,F,G,S) J Banks 4-9-1	R Mullen (5)	95
8	(8)	3143	SHALSTAYHOLY 24 (BF,CD,G) G L Moore 3-8-10	J Quinn	95

3-1 Always On My Mind, 4-1 Almasi, 5-1 Galine, Mary Magdalene, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 69 winners from 276 runners, 25.0%; R Charlton, 19 from 95, 19.8%; Miss L Siddall, 7 from 40, 17.5%; D Loder, 23 from 137, 16.8%; D Morley, 9 from 64, 14.1%; L Cumani, 34 from 270, 12.6%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 112 winners from 551 rides, 20.3%; L Dettori, 83 from 538, 15.4%; R Ffrench, 6 from 40, 15.0%; K Fallon, 25 from 175, 14.3%; S Sanders, 9 from 77, 11.7%.

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

6.45 Good Catch. 7.10 Road Racer. 7.40 Rich Glow. 8.10 Monte Cavo. 8.40 Monitor. 9.10 Fairy Prince.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.45 Balla D'Aire.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.45 J HELER INJURED JOCKEYS FUND APPEAL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,485: 6f) (18 runners)

SKY

1	6	HENRY THE PROUD 92 (B) J Berry 8-10	K Darley 18
2	4	BALLA D'AIRE 27 R Boss 8-7	J Carroll 9
3		BERGEN [illegible] 8-7	E Johnson 5
4		EASTERN PURPLE R Fahey 8-7	A Culhane 13
5		GOOD CATCH [illegible] 8-5	J Fortune 4
6	3	LEGEND OF LOVE 19 J Glover 8-5	N Day 14
7	22	PANAMA HOUSE 23 T Easterby 8-5	L Charnock 3
8		BUZZ THE AGENT M W Easterby 8-3	T Lucas 11
9	5	DANCING RIO 18 P Haslam 8-3	Iona Wands (5) 12
10		DETROIT CITY J Berry 8-3	C Lowther (7) 17
11	5	PRESS AHEAD 49 B McMahon 8-3	L Newton 7
12	04	ELSINORE 23 Mrs J Ramsden 8-2	G Hind 10
13		GOLDEN FORTUNE C Loder 8-2	M Henry (3) 1
14	50	LADY VAYANNA 35 K McAuliffe 8-2	F Lynch 2
15	30	STARLINER 11 M Brittain 8-0	G Bardwell 15
16	2222	DEMOLITION JO 30 P Evans 7-12	P Fessey (3) 16
17	0	LESLEY'S ADVENTURE 14 J H Wilson 7-12	Dale Gibson 8
18	5	[illegible] 14 [illegible] 7-12	D Wright 6

3-1 Golden Fortune, 11-2 Panama House, 7-1 Legend Of Love, 8-1 Balla D'Aire, Demolition Jo, 10-1 Henry The Proud, Detroit City, 12-1 others.

7.10 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES TELEVISION HANDICAP (£3,405: 1m 4f 8yd) (15)

SKY

1	0644	OCEAN PARK 51 (D,F,S) Lady Herries 6-9-10	Dean McKeown 8
2	1320	ROAD RACER 21 (BF,CD,G) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-5	J Fortune 2
3	3102	MR SPECULATOR 111 (D,F) J Banks 4-9-2	G Bardwell 15
4	5-32	SIX CLERKS 49 J FitzGerald 4-9-2	W Ryan 7
5	5560	FABULOUS MTOTO 6 (CD,F,G) M Saunders 7-9-1	N Carlisle 14
6	-662	PRESSING STRANGERS 24 P Harris 4-9-1	C Lowther (7) 5
7	00-5	MEG'S MEMORY 7 (D) A Streeter 4-8-13	K Darley 6
8	2560	AUGUSTAN 20 (D,F,S) S Gollings 6-8-12	F Lynch 10
9	000-	FIGHTING TIMES 279 C Smith 5-8-8	A Culhane 4
10	-005	ADMIRALS SECRET 21 (CD,F,G) C Wall 8-8-8	S Webster 3
11	2513	MAY KING MAYHEM 6 (D,G) Mrs A King 4-8-4	J Carroll 1
12	6-01	OUR MAIN MAN 18 (C,D,F) R Whitaker 7-7-13	D Wright 11
13	5564	MERCURY 29 (BF) J Sayer 4-7-13	P Fessey (3) 9
14	0-30	COURSE FISHING 27 (BF,D,F) B McMahon 6-7-13	L Newton 12
15	60-0	FARFELLS PRINCE 40 D Nicholls 5-7-10	L Charnock 13

3-1 Road Racer, 7-1 Six Clerks, 8-1 Pressing Strangers, Meg's Memory, May King Mayhem, 10-1 Ocean Park, Mr Speculator, Fabulous Mtoto, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 16 winners from 39 runners, 41.0%; A Stewart, 6 from 26, 23.1%; J Gosden, 8 from 35, 22.9%; Mrs J Cecil, 4 from 18, 22.2%; D Loder, 4 from 21, 19.0%; Mrs J Ramsden, 36 from 195, 18.5%; W Jarvis, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: G Faulkner, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%; W Ryan, 20 from 90, 22.2%; N Day, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M Henry, 4 from 19, 21.1%; G Hind, 5 from 35, 14.3%; Alex Greaves, 4 from 33, 12.1%; K Darley, 24 from 201, 11.9%.

7.40 ANTONIA DEUTERS HANDICAP (£5,572: 5f) (14)

SKY

1	0000	FOR THE PRESENT 7 (F,G) T Barron 7-10-0	K Darley 5
2	1456	FIRST MAITE 27 (B,D,G,S) S Bowring 4-9-13	S Webster 13
3	0201	CIM BOM BOM 10 (V,C,D,F,G,S) M Bell 5-9-13 (7ex)	G Faulkner (5) 7
4	0212	BOWLERS BOY 10 (CD,F,S) J J Quinn 4-9-9	P Roberts (5) 4
5	1064	SHARP PEARL 23 (B,D,F) P R Webber 4-9-9	J Fortune 14
6	4133	SUPERBIT 2 (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 5-9-2	L Newton 6
7	0155	ROYAL DOME 4 (CD,F,G) M Wane 5-9-2	J Carroll 10
8	2524	MANOLO 4 (B,CD,F) J Berry 4-8-12	C Lowther (7) 9
9	0155	CAPTAIN CARAT 2 (B,CD,F,G) D Nicholls 6-8-11	Alex Greaves 12
10	0500	JUST DISSIDENT 3 (CD,F,G) R Whitaker 5-8-6	Dean McKeown 8
11	0305	NED'S BONANZA 3 (V,BF,D,F,G) M Dods 8-8-3	F Lynch 3
12	3203	RICH GLOW 4 (CD,F,G,S) N Bycroft 6-8-2	G Hind 2
13	2036	CAMIONNEUR 5 (B,F) T Easterby 4-7-10	L Charnock 1
14	0030	TUTU SIXTYSIX 13 (B,D,F,G) Enrico Incisa 6-7-10	Kim Tinkler 11

9-2 Superbit, 11-2 Cim Bom Bom, 7-1 Bowlers Boy, 8-1 Manolo, Ned's Bonanza, Rich Glow, 10-1 Royal Dome, 12-1 others.

8.10 COUNTRYWIDE FREIGHT HANDICAP (£3,875: 1m 4yd) (13)

SKY

1	-550	PRIME LIGHT 16 (B) G Wragg 4-10-0	G Milligan (5) 3
2	0000	NO CLICHES 30 (D,F) D Nicholls 4-9-10	Alex Greaves 11
3	6000	ANTONIAS MELODY 19 (G,S) S Bowring 4-9-9	S Webster 4
4	0003	TINKLERS FOLLY 39 (D,F,G) R Whitaker 5-9-2	Dean McKeown 2
5	6006	MR MONTAGUE 29 T Donnelly 5-9-1	P Fessey (3) 5
6	0063	POWER GAME 14 (B,D,F,G,S) J Berry 4-8-13	K Darley 1
7	2102	TRYING TIMES 4 (D,S) J Berry 4-8-12	P Roberts (5) 13
8	-600	ENERGY MAN 46 (V) M Dods 4-8-7	J Carroll 12
9	5113	MONTE CAVO 7 (D,S) M Brittain 6-8-6	G Bardwell 7
10	5154	JAVA RED 14 (B,BF,D,F) J FitzGerald 5-8-4	W Ryan 9
11	3200	PLEASURE TRICK 18 (CD,F,G) Enrico Incisa 6-8-0	Kim Tinkler 6
12	-050	SHE'S SIMPLY GREAT 13 J J O'Neill 4-7-12	D Wright 8
13	1433	PRIME PARTNER 14 (D,G) T Easterby 4-7-10	L Charnock 10

7-2 Monte Cavo, 5-1 Power Game, 7-1 Prime Light, Antonias Melody, Tinklers Folly, 8-1 No Cliches, Trying Times, 10-1 others.

8.40 ST JOHN AMBULANCE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,599: 1m 2f 6yd) (11)

SKY

1	0	ALAKDAR 20 A Stewart 9-0	J Fortune 1
2	00	GO HENCE 75 W Jarvis 9-0	N Day 3
3	643	KHAYALI 46 D Morley 9-0	J Stack 4
4	353	MONITOR 28 H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan 10
5	00	ROCKIE THE JESTER 14 J Leigh 9-0	Dean McKeown 9
6	00	SEFTON BLAKE 10 M Meagher 9-0	Dale Gibson 11
7	0	STORMY STORY 10 J Gosden 9-0	G Hind 7
8	50	YOURS IN SPORT 45 J Watts 9-0	J Carroll 8
9	0	MILL ORCHID 30 J Berry 8-9	P Fessey (3) 6
10		ROSA ROYALE Mrs J Cecil 8-9	G Bardwell 5
11	3-30	UNDERSTUDY 10 R Hollinshead 8-9	F Lynch 2

11-8 Monitor, 3-1 Khayali, 5-1 Rosa Royale, 10-1 Alakdar, Yours In Sport, 16-1 Go Hence, Stormy Story, Mill Orchid, 25-1 others.

9.10 EUROLEASE LIMITED STAKES (£2,801: 6f) (10)

1	4031	RIVER TERN 6 (D,F,G) J Bradley 4-9-5	C Lowther (7) 10
2	-012	DON PEPE 15 (D,F,G,S) R Boss 6-9-3	J Carroll 6
3	0800	BE WARNED 8 (B,D,F,G) M Dods 6-9-0	O Pears 4
4	0224	FAIRY PRINCE 8 (BF,D,F) Mrs A King 4-9-0	J Fortune 2
5	0000	KING CHESTNUT 11 (V,F) M Dods 6-9-0	L Charnock 8
6	0500	U-NO-HARRY 8 (D,F) R Hollinshead 4-9-0	F Lynch 1
7	30-0	MR FORTYWINKS 23 J Eyre 3-8-9	M Gallagher 3
8	0-84	SHADES OF LOVE 25 V Soane 3-8-9	G Hind 7
9	0563	FAREWELL MY LOVE 17 (BF,D,F,S) J Wainwright 3-8-6	R Lappin 9
10	61-6	SHOWGIRL 81 (D) J H Wilson 3-8-6	K Darley 5

5-2 Don Pepe, 9-2 River Tern, 5-1 Fairy Prince, 7-1 Shades Of Love, 8-1 U-No-Harry, Farewell My Love, 10-1 King Chestnut, Mr Fortywinks, 14-1 others.

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

2.30 Ariant
3.00 Decorated Hero
3.30 First Village
4.00 Fantastic Flame
4.30 Scissor Ridge
5.00 Nanton Point
5.30 Giko

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 **INCLINATION.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 **ARIANT** (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 E B F ECCHINSWELL NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,864: 6f 8yd) (10 runners)

101	(8)	13	OVERTURE 23 (G) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 9-4	Pat Eddery	●
102	(3)		ARIANT (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-12	L Dettori	–
103	(10)		DOUBLE BRANDY (The Queen) I Balding 8-12	S Whitworth	–
104	(1)		GUARANTEED (W Said) B Hills 8-12	M Hills	–
105	(9)		MUYASSIR (H al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-12	G Duffield	–
106	(5)		PIPS SONG (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-12	Martin Dwyer (3)	–
107	(6)		SABHAAN (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-12	R Hills	–
108	(4)		STORM FROMTHE EAST (N Hayes) R Hannon 8-12	Dane O'Neill	–
109	(2)		TUMBLWEED PROSPECT (Tumbleweed Pins) B Meehan 8-12	M Tebbutt	–
110	(7)		NIGHT OWL (Mrs C Van Straubenzee) R Charlton 8-7	T Sprake	–

BETTING: 9-4 Ariant, 4-1 Guaranteed, 9-2 Overture, 7-1 Night Owl, 10-1 Double Brandy, Sabhaan, 12-1 Muyassir, Tumbleweed Prospect, 14-1 others.

1996: CINEMA PARADISO 9-0 M Hills (14-1) P Cole 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

OVERTURE beat Clef Of Silver head in maiden at Sandown (5f, good to firm). ARIANT (foaled Feb 2, cost $675,000) half-brother to Hall A Year, very smart miler. PIPS SONG (Mar 8, 36,000gns) half-brother to Kustom Kit, 5f juvenile winner. STORM FROMTHE EAST (Mar 22, 41,000gns) second foal; dam unraced half-sister to smart stayer Band. NIGHT OWL (Apr 9, 100,000gns) half-sister to useful stayer Lord Jim.
Selection: ARIANT

3.00 WATERMILL CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,996: 7f 64yd rnd) (8 runners)

201	(4)	1122-61	DECORATED HERO 41 (D,F,S) (Exors Late H Allen) J Gosden 5-9-7	L Dettori	91
202	(6)	0-52003	CAYMAN KAI 14 (D,F,S) (I Wight) R Hannon 4-9-0	R Hughes	96
203	(2)	00-2230	EASY DOLLAR 29 (B,D,F,G) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 5-9-0	J Weaver	98
204	(1)	801	MITHALI 25 (S) (H al-Maktoum) B Hills 4-9-0	R Hills	71
205	(8)	41-6534	RAHEEN 48 (B) (B Kelaney) W G M Turner 4-9-0	D McGaffin (7)	78
206	(5)	02-0003	RESTRUCTURE 7 (F) (M Myers) Mrs J Cecil 5-9-0	M Roberts	●
207	(7)	13-1010	HIDDEN MEADOW 31 (D,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-8-12	M Hills	97
208	(3)	435-434	MY BRANCH 20 (D,F,G) (W Said) B Hills 4-8-9	Pat Eddery	97

BETTING: 9-4 Decorated Hero, 11-4 Hidden Meadow, 5-1 Restructure, 6-1 My Branch, 7-1 Cayman Kai, 8-1 Easy Dollar, 14-1 Mithali, 33-1 Raheen.

1996: GREEN PERFUME 4-9-12 T Quinn (15-8 fav) P Cole 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DECORATED HERO beat Lucayan Prince 1l in 4-runner listed race at Haydock (7f, good to firm) with MY BRANCH (7lb better off) 3¼l 3rd. CAYMAN KAI 2¼l 3rd of 7 to Za-Im in conditions stakes at Haydock (6f, good). EASY DOLLAR 5l 9th of 23 to Royal Applause in the group III Cork And Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, good). MITHALI beat Yalani El Sultan in 10-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m, soft). RESTUCTURE 4½l 3rd of 8 to Ali-Royal in conditions stakes at York (1m, good). HIDDEN MEADOW beat Wasp Ranger 5l in 6-runner conditions stakes at Epsom (7f, good).
Selection: DECORATED HERO

3.30 CRATTIS HILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,630: 5f 34yd) (12 runners)

301	(6)	53	ALPHA WHISKY 11 (J Smith) I Balding 8-11	L Dettori	93
302	(7)		BAYLEAF (Lady Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Reid	–
303	(1)		BELLE DE NUIT (R Withers) B Meehan 8-11	G Hannon (7)	–
304	(8)	02	CLOUDBERRY 80 (Miss D Soken) B Meehan 8-11	M Tebbutt	87
305	(2)		DELPHIC WAY (Miss B Swire) G Balding 8-11	S Drowne	–
306	(3)	4424	FIRST DANCE 25 (BF) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 8-11	R Hughes	●
307	(10)	30	FIRST VILLAGE 14 (B) (Dr G Tsoi) J Berry 8-11	K Fallon	93
308	(9)	3	KENKAN 23 (Mrs C Hanbury) P Cole 8-11	C Rutter	85
309	(4)		MADAME CLAUDE (P Dalby) J Toller 8-11	S Sanders	–
310	(5)	0	QUIZ SHOW 28 (Lordland Manor Stud) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	–
311	(11)		THANKSGIVING (Mrs G Maxwell) D Chappell 8-11	G Carter	–
312	(12)	6	TO LOVE WITH LOVE 23 (K Scow) W Jarvis 8-11	Pat Eddery	–

BETTING: 3-1 Kenkan, 4-1 First Dance, 5-1 Alpha Whisky, 8-1 Quiz Show, To Love With Love, 10-1 others.

1996: SONG OF SKYE 8-11 D Holland (33-1) T Naughton 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALPHA WHISKY 2½l 3rd of 14 to Hill Magic in maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good). BELLE DE NUIT (foaled Feb 27, cost 12,500gns) half-sister to 7f juvenile winner Soden; dam half-sister to Ruby Tiger. CLOUDBERRY 5l 2nd of 11 to Ballet Rambert in maiden at Bath (5f, good to firm). FIRST DANCE 3½l 2nd to Flexitinlog in maiden at Folkestone (6f, good to firm). FIRST VILLAGE 6¾l 3rd of 12 to Land Of Dreams in maiden at Pontefract (6f, good to firm). MADAME CLAUDE (Mar 27, 28,000gns) half-sister to sprinter Nashcash.
No selection

4.00 WATERFORD FOOD INGREDIENTS FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,669: 1m 2f 6yd) (11 runners)

401	(10)	33-2231	SELLETTE 25 (S) (Mrs J Mihalop) D Haydn Jones 9-7	S Drowne	97
402	(5)	6620	FANTASTIC FLAME 42 (Dr C Stelling) P Makin 9-6	S Sanders	93
403	(6)	61-020	VANISHING TRICK 29 (V,F) (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 9-5	K Fallon	92
404	(9)	542	KAZIRANGA 41 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-3	L Dettori	90
405	(7)	621	BOSS LADY 49 (F) (Lord Weinstock) R Charlton 9-2	Pat Eddery	85
406	(2)	4-22534	LONELY HEART 13 (E) (C Harper) D Elsworth 9-2	R Cochrane	98
407	(11)	2-33	ENLISTED 80 (N Gaag) M Prescott 8-13	G Duffield	91
408	(1)	02122-0	JULIETTA MIA 37 (F) (D Deer) W Muir 8-11	J Reid	88
409	(8)	443-0	SANTA ROSA 80 (C Humphris) J Dunlop 8-1	T Sprake	89
410	(3)	6-60032	INCLINATION 14 (D Brown & A Ward) M Blanshard 8-1	J Quinn	●
411	(4)	050	BELLAGRANA 38 (Coriolan Partnership) M Fetherston-Godley 7-10	R Ffrench (3)	95

BETTING: 7-2 Boss Lady, 4-1 Kaziranga, 6-1 Enlisted, 7-1 Sellette, 8-1 Vanishing Trick, Inclination, 10-1 others.

1996: FROG 9-4 W Woods (11-4) M Prescott 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SELLETTE beat Lawz 2l in 15-runner maiden at Windsor (1m 67yd, soft). FANTASTIC FLAME 5l 2nd of 12 to Solo Mio in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good to soft). VANISHING TRICK 1¾l 2nd of 4 to Scarlet Crescent in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). KAZIRANGA 3½l 2nd of 6 to Aestiva Night in maiden at Haydock (1m, good to firm). BOSS LADY beat Tangshan 1¾l in 10-runner maiden at Bath (1m, good to firm). INCLINATION ½l 2nd of 9 to Lindrick Lady in handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, heavy).
Selection: SELLETTE

4.30 SHRIVENHAM HANDICAP (£5,735: 6f) (16 runners)

501	(6)	0-60000	LAW COMMISSION 8 (D,F) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 7-10-8	D Holland	91
502	(1)	000010	CHARLIE SILLETT 20 (BF,D,F,S) (J Sillett) B Hills 5-10-8	J D Smith (3)	97
503	(10)	266-550	MARL 41 (C,G) (E Padan) R Akehurst 4-9-9	D Harrison	92
504	(8)	0002234	SIR JOEY 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 8-9-8	S Drowne	94
505	(5)	30-0020	LA PETITE FUSEE 53 (BF,D,F,G,S) (M Bewst) R O'Sullivan 6-9-4	K Fallon	92
506	(15)	615-003	LADY DIESIS 18 (D,G) (J Peter Williams) B Hills 3-9-4	M Hills	89
507	(11)	30-1000	LORD OLIVIER 41 (BF,D,F,G) (Miss V Jarvis) W Jarvis 7-9-2	J Reid	96
508	(12)	4-25103	LITERARY SOCIETY 10 (F,G) (Lady Celina Carter) J Toller 4-9-2	S Sanders	●
509	(2)	3300-01	DESERT LYNX 15 (D,S) (Mrs R Watson) T Watson 4-9-1	R Hughes	94
510	(7)	14-00	LOVING AND GIVING 34 (F) (Mrs J Wright) H Candy 3-9-0	C Rutter	96
511	(3)	110410	CAUDA EQUINA 1 (D,F,G,S) (M Foy) M Channon 3-9-0 (7ex)	A Eddery (7)	96
512	(4)	2204121	ALWAYS ALIGHT 19 (CD,F,S) (M Holmes-Crocker) K Burke 3-8-10	J Quinn	95
513	(13)	600141	OUT LINE 7 (D,G) (Miss D Green) M Madgwick 5-8-7 (7ex)	N Varley	95
514	(16)	2-25224	NEVER THINK TWICE 15 (V,BF,D,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 4-8-1	B Doyle	97
515	(14)	3450000	SCISSOR RIDGE 6 (D,F) (D Smith) J Bridger 5-8-0	P Doe (7)	95
516	(9)	0-01033	TAILWIND 8 (D,F) (R Haim) W Muir 3-7-11	Martin Dwyer (3)	98

BETTING: 6-1 Literary Society, 7-1 Always Alight, Sir Joey, Cauda Equina, Out Line, 10-1 Lord Olivier, 12-1 others.

1996: BAYIN 7-8-12 B Street (11-4 fav) M Usher 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHARLIE SILLETT beat Westcourt Magic 1¾l in handicap at Chester (6f, soft). SIR JOEY 1¾l 2nd of 19 to Oggi in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). LA PETITE FUSEE short-head 3rd of 9 to Youdonlsay in handicap at Lingfield (6f, soft). LITERARY SOCIETY ¾l 3rd of 18 to Gone Savage in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good). DESERT LYNX beat Bollin Dorothy 2l in 13-runner handicap at Haydock (6f, good to soft). CAUDA EQUINA (4th, disqualified, at Bath yesterday) beat Style Dancer ¾l at Ripon (6f, good) on penultimate start. NEVER THINK TWICE 1l 2nd to Tinker Osmaston in handicap at Windsor (6f, good to soft).
Selection: LITERARY SOCIETY

5.00 JULY HANDICAP (£3,597: 2m) (6 runners)

601	(2)	101164	CAPTAIN JACK 91 (CD,F,G) (C Smith) M Pipe 7-10-0	M Roberts	92
602	(4)	043230	THALJANAH 20 (F) (W Gifford) B Smart 5-9-11	R Cochrane	98
603	(1)	30-1410	PREMIER NIGHT 28 (C,F,G) (J Churston) S Dow 4-9-10	J Reid	90
604	(3)	6-02504	NANTON POINT 13 (D,F,G) (L Lazarus) Lady Herries 5-9-3	J Quinn	95
605	(6)	10-4212	RUSSIAN ROSE 9 (F) (Ash Partnership) J Toller 4-8-13	Paul Eddery	●
606	(5)	00/106-	CHIEF MOUSE 30J (B Gozan) F Jordan 4-8-10	S Sanders	–

BETTING: 11-8 Russian Rose, 11-4 Captain Jack, 9-2 Premier Night, 13-2 Nanton Point, 10-1 others.

1996: MOONLIGHT QUEST 8-9-12 W Ryan (7-4 fav) B Hanbury 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN JACK 3¾l 4th to Canon Can in handicap over course and distance (good to firm). THALJANAH short-head 2nd of 9 to Grand Cru in handicap over course and distance (soft). PREMIER NIGHT beat Golden Hadeer 1l in handicap here (1m 5f 61yd, good to firm). NANTON POINT 2½l 5th to Sea Freedom in handicap at Royal Ascot (2m 4f, good). RUSSIAN ROSE beat Maslias Mystique 3½l in handicap at Bath (2m 1f, good to firm). CHIEF MOUSE beat State Circus neck in maiden at Wolverhampton (1m 100yd, AW).
Selection: NANTON POINT

5.30 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,760: 7f str) (19 runners)

1	(2)	5-12312	WAYPOINT 21 (D,F) (R Richards) R Charlton 4-9-11	S Sanders	90
2	(3)	0000310	Q FACTOR 14 (D,F,S) (H Collis) D Haydn Jones 5-9-8	S Drowne	90
3	(7)	/6-4500	IBLIS 20 (D,F,S) (G Wragg) G Wragg 5-9-9	M Hills	97
4	(17)	2-03030	ZELDA ZONK 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Panning) B Meehan 5-9-7	J Weaver	92
5	(1)	404-000	CIVIL LIBERTY 18 (F) (Midcounts) G Lewis 4-9-6	Paul Eddery	93
6	(5)	81	SHELTERING SKY 15 (D,S) (V Behrens) J Dunlop 3-9-3	Pat Eddery	91
7	(14)	01000-1	ZUGUDI 43 (F) (Saeed A Al Sabah) K Mahdi 3-9-2	J Reid	81
8	(6)	0-10000	BLUE FLYER 9 (B,D,F) (B Scott) R Ingram 4-9-1	A McGlone	85
9	(13)	0-44024	LYNTON LAD 18 (G) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 5-8-12	R Perham	90
10	(12)	4004504	DUELLO 14 (CD,F,S) (H C Promotions Ltd) M Blanshard 6-8-11	M Roberts	91
11	(16)	00-0400	PRESS ON NICKY 19 (D,F) (S W P Syndicate) W Muir 4-8-10	G Duffield	94
12	(9)	0-2300	FREDERICK JAMES 15 (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-8	S Whitworth	93
13	(10)	5800-12	WINSOME WOOSTER 44 (CD,F,G,S) P Murphy 6-8-6	D Harrison	90
14	(15)	6-20054	XENOPHON OF CUNAXA 20 (CD,F,S) M Fetherston-Godley 4-8-4	Dane O'Neill	97
15	(11)	0-43620	MOROCCO 11 (BF,CD,F,S) (M Myers) M Channon 8-8-3	A Eddery (7)	93
16	(19)	0-030	DAVIDS REVENGE 11 (Major P Pecanelli) D Chappell 3-8-3	G Carter	96
17	(4)	4046532	SEA DANZIG 9 (D,F) (P Cook) J Bridger 4-8-0	N Adams	●
18	(8)	20039	GRO 13 (V) (R V Partnership) J Poulton 3-7-10	N Varley	95
19	(18)	0-0612	DULCINEA 6 (BF,D,S) (Miss K Rausing) I Balding 3-7-10	Martin Dwyer (3)	98

BETTING: 11-2 Dulcinea, 7-1 Sheltering Sky, 8-1 Q Factor, 10-1 Waypoint, Zugudi, Lynton Lad, 14-1 others.

1996: YOUNG DUKE 8-8-1 P McCabe (7-2) Mrs S Williams 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

WAYPOINT beat Persian Fayre head in 8-runner handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). SHELTERING SKY beat Khalaaq 1¼l in 14-runner maiden at Haydock (7f, good to soft). ZUGUDI beat March Crusader ¾l in 8-runner handicap at Yarmouth (6f, firm). MOROCCO ½l 2nd of 8 to Amber Fort in apprentice handicap at Goodwood (7f, good to soft). DULCINEA neck 2nd of 11 to Sword Arm in handicap at Salisbury (7f, good to firm).
Selection: DULCINEA (nap)

SPECIALISTS

NEWBURY: Trainers: J Gosden, 32 winners from 131 runners, 24.4%; L Cumani, 11 from 57, 19.3%; R Charlton, 19 from 117, 16.2%; G Wragg, 5 from 34, 14.7%; D Haydn Jones, 3 from 22, 13.6%; Lady Herries, 8 from 60, 13.3%; H Cecil, 12 from 96, 12.5%; S Dow, 5 from 40, 12.5%; W Hern, 6 from 48, 12.5%. **Jockeys:** J Reid, 54 winners from 284 rides, 19.0%; L Dettori, 42 from 222, 18.9%; J Weaver, 9 from 53, 17.0%; K Fallon, 6 from 46, 13.0%; M Hills, 21 from 179, 11.7%; Pat Eddery, 32 from 283, 11.3%; R Hills, 11 from 101, 10.9%; D Harrison, 14 from 131, 10.7%; R Cochrane, 16 from 151, 10.6%.

Shoe business

A HORSESHOE brought Gary Carter bad luck at Leicester yesterday when the jockey suffered a bruised right knee when struck by a loose plate. Carter, who was riding Pip's Addition in the Sutton Selling Stakes, was at the back of the field when the incident happened. He thought he had sustained a broken knee but later discovered only bruising.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Brave new world in Lydon's hands

By Christopher Irvine

THE leafy opulence of Red Hall, the headquarters of the Rugby Football League in Leeds, hides the turmoil in the sport. After British sides were washed away by their Australasian counterparts in an almost ceaseless tide of failure last month, the best that can be said about the resumption of the world club championship today is that there is a greater readiness.

Joe Lydon, rugby league's first technical director, sees some silver lining in the storm clouds. The maulings that many British teams suffered in the first series of matches did more than anything in his experience to create a climate for change.

"Whereas there's been a barrier to any reform before, that barrier is down," Lydon, who took up his appointment in March, said. "The beatings by Australian sides were all the ammunition required. Suddenly, we were presented with the biggest fright and biggest challenge of our lives.

"A lot of people have been negative about the world's club championship. Myself to an extent, when we were taking beating after beating. Minds, though, have been focused by what happened. Some players were severely embarrassed, but they are learning that it is no longer any good being a big fish in a little pond and that standards much improve."

A think-tank set up under Lydon's chairmanship was a reaction to the initial results. The findings will doubtless confirm the obvious need to invest in development, a pyramid structure on the Australian model to nurture players through to the top level and a concentration of talent in a less cluttered Super League. However, Lydon will not rest if yet another report is allowed to gather dust.

Lydon, 33, is earning as many plaudits in an administrative role as he did while playing for Widnes, Wigan and Great Britain. He is close enough to the players to reflect their views and not wrapped up in the parochial politics of rugby league. "You can measure any sporting individual or organisation on how they respond to adversity," he said. "I'm confident that, with the calibre of people in the game, we can turn it round. I don't think we're a million miles away, as some suggest. It's a matter of 5-10 per cent, but that figure derives a lot from the sheer strength in depth of the Australian game.

"People say 'don't rush into decisions,' but we've had more than 100 years and still not got it right. There are short-term measures we can take to identify talent earlier and to educate and promote it with the right coaching and in the right environment, but the bigger, longer-term picture, is about a broader base of talent, both in the game's heartland and outside.

"At club level, the game cannot go on being run as a hobby. If you put the title Super League next to something, then it should be *super*. Clubs and the players, too, have to be less selfish. All the Super League money went to the clubs, but nothing to development. It's no good them operating as little separate satellites. The whole of the game's interests need to be looked after."

Next month Lydon must nominate the new Great Britain coach for the three matches against Australia in November, a series that fills him with less trepidation than the next coming matches.

"Australia could probably pick three Test squads of equal standard. With the cream of our crop, we can at least be competitive and perhaps more. It would be wrong to get too downhearted. If you stuck Wasps, Bath or Leicester in the Super 12 in rugby union, they'd struggle, but it didn't prevent the British Lions winning in South Africa."

☐ Of the British trio involved in the world club championship tonight, Leeds have the best chance of revenge in their return match against Adelaide at Headingley. Oldham are at home to North Queensland and Warrington have the least enviable task, away to Penrith.

Parry's power puts arch-rival in shade

GILL ALLEN

Wilson begins his quest to be selected by Britain for the European championships by winning his heat in the men's 1,500 metres freestyle

By Craig Lord

THE rivalry between the best British butterfly specialists was rejoined yesterday when Stephen Parry scored his third victory of the year over James Hickman on the opening day of the Amateur Swimming Association national championships at Crystal Palace.

Their tussle in the 100 metres was a little more one-sided yesterday than it had been when Parry, a 20-year-old Liverpudlian who attends Florida State University, beat Hickman, 21 and from Stockport, over 100 and 200 metres at the trials in April for the European championships.

Hickman was slow to get down at the start and slow off the blocks. He lost the race over the first 50 metres when Parry ploughed ahead and turned almost a second up.

Hickman's frantic efforts to pull back the deficit fell short and Parry stopped the clock at 54.62sec, with Hickman 0.90sec adrift. It was Parry's first national long-course title over 100 metres.

The first race of four for Karen Pickering produced mixed blessings. The 25-year-old from Ipswich reclaimed the 200 metres freestyle title and showed that she is recovering after a winter of back trouble after a car crash.

However, her time of 2min 02.26sec was outside the selection time for the European championships in Seville next month. It will be the first leading international event since 1991 in which Pickering will not compete in the 200 metres. She will, however, attempt to add an individual race to her Seville itinerary in the 50, 100 and 400 metres over the next three days.

After a day that failed to produce an addition to the Britain team selected at the trials, attention will today turn to the ironmen of the 1,500 metres freestyle. Graeme Smith, from Stockport, the Olympic bronze medal-winner last year, is already selected for Seville.

All eyes will be on the other two British swimmers ranked among the top ten in the world over 1,500 metres, Paul Palmer, Olympic silver medal-winner in the 400 metres freestyle, and Ian Wilson. They will battle for the remaining place in the team.

Ullrich's rating climbs

JAN ULLRICH, the dominant personality of the Tour de France, will seek today to increase his grip on the race leader's yellow jersey in the mountain time-trial in the Massif Central (Jeremy Whittle writes).

After the rest day yesterday, Ullrich, of Germany, who won the final time-trial in the race last year, will roll down the start ramp in St Etienne as favourite to increase his overall lead after his powerful performance in the Pyrenees on Tuesday. By winning that mountain-top finish in Andorra, the former amateur world champion struck a colossal blow against his principal rivals, Richard Virenque, of France, and Marco Pantani, of Italy.

Virenque and Pantani, both renowned climbers, had expected to turn the steep ascents of the Pyrenees and Alps to their advantage, but Ullrich's assured display has left both men wondering if he can be beaten.

"He doesn't seem to have a weakness," Virenque, who is second overall, said, "but after the time-trial there will be another race against the clock to try and make the most of the alpine stages, where I hope I can take the race lead from him."

However, many obervsers believe that Ullrich, 23, the third youngest rider to wear the yellow jersey, will still be leading the race when the Tour arrives in Paris. "He's still very young, but I'd give him a 90 per cent chance of winning," Bernard Hinault, the most recent French Tour winner, said. "In fact, if he doesn't have any problems with injuries, I can see him winning six, maybe even seven times."

Plucky crew beats odds

THE last, but by no means the least-regarded, boat arrived in Southampton yesterday after successfully completing the BT Global Challenge (John Goodbody writes). *Time & Tide* became the first yacht to sail round the world with crew members who have a disability or have survived a life-threatening illness.

Skippered by James Hatfield, 41, a former chef, the boat crossed the finish line at 8.34am after the final leg from Boston in the United States. The winner, *Group 4*, arrived at 1.06am on Wednesday.

Time & Tide was crewed by 25 men and women. Some of the crew completed the whole journey, but most swapped places to sail on selected legs during the ten-month race from Southampton to Rio de Janeiro, Wellington, Sydney, Cape Town, Boston and back to Southampton. All the yachts had a core crew of amateur volunteers.

Time & Tide finished last on the first leg to Rio but, two days out from Brazil on the second leg, she was leading the fleet of 14 identical 67ft boats. She finally arrived in Wellington in eleventh place, despite two crew members being out of action, one with a broken foot, the other with an infection and a temperature of 104 degrees. On the fourth leg, *Time & Tide* managed an even better result, sailing through Hurricane Fergus to take tenth position when the fleet arrived in Cape Town.

Although the boat finished last on the final two legs, the crew still demonstrated what can be achieved through unyielding perseverance.

ROWING

Prestigious selection is no longer a lottery

By Mike Rosewell
Rowing Correspondent

DAVID TANNER, the Great Britain international rowing manager, has announced a 16-boat team for the world championships, which start in Aiguebelette, France, at the end of August, with the possibility of four further boats being added.

The leading boats in the team have individual sponsorship packages but, as Tanner said: "Rowing's finances have been transformed by the National Lottery grant and the whole team is sponsored for training and the world championships."

The men's team is headed by the coxless four and the coxless pair of Thatcher and Hunt-Davis, the latter having exceeded expectations after, according to Hunt-Davis, "getting into a pair by mistake".

Greg Searle, the 1992 Olympic rowing champion, is selected in his first year as a sculler and has, as an initial aim, "to get into the bottom end of the top eight or so".

Sean Bowden, the men's lightweight coach, sees this season as a rebuilding year, but regards the recently reshuffled lightweight eight, which won at Henley, as a medal chance. The lightweight four, in a tough Olympic event, "has a realistic chance of making the final", according to Bowden.

Mike Spracklen, the women's coach, has produced three heavyweight crews with medal prospects. The coxless pair of Blackie and Bishop and the double scull of Lindsay and Batten each finished third in the World Cup rankings, while the real bonus was the form shown by the coxless four in Lucerne, where they won and beat the course record.

Searle is the only member of the team who will race at the national championships, which start today in Nottingham. He races 27 opponents in the single sculls.

TEAM: Men: Single scull: G Searle. Coxless pair: R Thatcher, B Hunt-Davis. Coxed pair: M McQuillan, R Morrison; D Nelson. Coxless four: J Cracknell, S Redgrave, T Foster, M Pinsent. Eight: D Beckley, D West, L Attrill, S Dennis, R Dunn, A Story, T Garbett, R Hamilton; C Cormack. Lightweights: Double scull: T Bedingfield, M Beechey. Coxless pair: A Tucker, M Louzado. Coxless four: J Williamson, N Strange, A Butt, I Watson. Eight: D Lemon, J McNiven, B Webb, P Baker, J Brown, J Keys, J Hartland, A Henshilwood; J Deakin. Women: Single scull: G Batten. Double scull: G Lindsay, M Batten. Coxless pair: D Blackie, C Bishop. Coxless four: A Beeve, S Walker, L Eyre, L Henshilwood. Lightweight: Single scull: J Hall. Double scull: S Birch, T Langlands. Quadruple scull: N Dale, J Nietsch, R Morris, S Watts

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Bath

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 3f 144yd) 1, Petoskin (M Wigham, 4-5 fav). 2, Shabanaz (13-8); 3, Kika (16-1) 5 ran. ½l 3½l J Pearce. Tote: £1.80; £1.00, £1.90 DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.08.

2.30 (1m 5yd) 1, Sword Arm (T Sprake, 7-4 fav). 2, Blewbury Hill (9-4); 3, Scarlet Crescent (7-2). 4 ran. 1¼l, 8l R Charlton. Tote: £2.30. DF: £2.10 CSF: £5.18.

3.00 (5f 11yd) 1, Dominant Air (G Duffield, 9-1). 2, Dancethenightaway (6-1). 3, Anokato (16-1). Sabina 2-1 fav 7 ran ½l, nk. M Prescott. Tote £5.60; £2.10. £2.90. DF: £16.60. CSF £48.33.

3.30 (5f 11yd) 1, Hard To Figure (P P Murphy, 13-2) 2, Montendre (7-4 fav); 3, Mon Bruce (11-2) 11 ran ¾l, hd. R Hodges. Tote £8.40; £2.30, £1.30, £1.70 DF: £7.80. Trio: £16.00 CSF £16.79

4.00 (5f 161yd) 1, Lido (M Hills, 4-11 fav: Richard Evans's nap and Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Mustique Dream (12-1). 3, Dover Soul (20-1) 13 ran NR: Bandbox. 1¼l, 3½l. B Hills. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.60, £4.80 DF: £5.60. Trio £58.00. CSF. £5.24

4.30 (1m 2f 46yd) 1, Saddlers' Hope (M Hills, 10-1). 2, Bathe In Light (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Your Most Welcome (4-1 jt-fav). 12 ran. 4l, ¾l J Fanshawe. Tote: £13.50; £5.30, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £37.50 Trio: £76.90. CSF £47.41. Tricast £177.36

Placepot: £35.00. Quadpot: £18.50.

Leicester

Going: good (good to soft in places)

2.15 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, Go For Salt (K Darley, 6-5 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap). 2, Billy Nomaite (10-1); 3, Minster Star (66-1) 11 ran. 9l, ¾l M Stoute Tote. £2.50; £1.10, £1.70, £19.20 DF: £7.70. Trio. £239.20 CSF £14.74

2.45 (5f 2yd) 1, Deynebee (Kim Tinkler, 5-1): 2, Means Business (4-1); 3, Corsecan (14-1) Suggest 11-4 fav 13 ran. ½l, ¾l N Tinkler Tote: £5.40; £1.90, £3.10, £3.20. DF: £24.40. Trio. £52.70. CSF: £23.51 No bid.

3.15 (7f 9yd) 1, Silver Lining (Mr J Goldstein, 9-1). 2, Lorns Gold (6-1): 3, Welcome Heights (9-2); 4, Dummer Golf Time (9-1) Delight Of Dawn 4-1 fav. 17 ran NR: Mezzoramio Sh hd, ¾l A Jones Tote: £20.60; £3.40, £1.90, £2.50, £1.80. DF: £36.80 Trio: £62.30. CSF £59.53 Tricast £219.13.

3.45 (5f 218yd) 1, Whisky Mack (R Hughes, 4-1); 2, Who Nose (10-1); 3, The Groveller (10-1). Inchalong 5-2 fav. 12 ran. 2¾l, 4l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.50; £1.80, £2.70, £2.80 DF: £14.90 Trio. £94.40. CSF. £44.96 Tricast £358.31

4.15 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, Eagle Canyon (W Ryan, 3-1); 2, Two Socks (6-1). 3, Welsh Mill (15-8 fav) 8 ran. NR: Rock The Barney. ¾l, ½l. B Hanbury Tote £4.00. £1.90. £1.80. £1.10 DF £13.60 Trio £12.00 CSF £20.24

4.45 (5f 218yd) 1, Lachesis (J Fanning, 33-1); 2, Sing With The Band (15-2); 3, Double Matt (66-1). 4, Souperficial (10-1). Bollin Harry 6-1 jt-fav 20 ran. 2l, nk. D Shaw. Tote £83.50; £15.50, £1.60, £16.30, £2.10 DF: £800.50 Trio £857.80 CSF £268.82. Tricast £14,247.33

Jackpot: (not won. Pool of £13,965.69 carried forward to Newbury today).

Placepot: £275.60. Quadpot: £86.00.

Wednesday's late details

Brighton

Going: firm

6.20 (5f 59yd) 1, High Gain (Paul Eddery, 2-1); 2, Aegean Dawn (7-4 fav). 3, Shanthi (4-1). 8 ran. Nk, 4l. P Howling. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.60 DF: £3.50 CSF: £5.06.

6.50 (5f 213yd) 1, Senorita Matilda (Dane O'Neill, 15-8 fav); 2, Nicker (14-1). 3, Ed's Folly (9-2) 10 ran 1¼l, 1¾l. R Hannon Tote £2.50, £2.10 £4.40, £1.30 DF £12.60 Trio. £44.20 CSF: £28.94 Tricast £97.64

7.20 (7f 214yd) 1, Hawaii Storm (R Ffrench, 20-1); 2, Without Friends (9-2). 3, Cape Pigeon (11-10 fav) 10 ran 1¼l, ¾l. D ffrench Davis Tote: £16.60; £2.30, £7.50 £1.50 DF: £20.60 Trio £12.20 CSF: £96.77

7.50 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Wakeel (M Roberts, 16-1) 2, Puce (5-2 fav) 3, Devoslu (20-1) 7 ran Nk, 10l. S Dow Tote £12.60; £2.10. £1.90. DF: £18.40 CSF £50.73

8.20 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Who's That Man (D Holland, 9-4 fav) 2, Interdream (4-1). 3, Keen Waters (12-1) 11 ran. Sh hd, 1½l S Williams Tote: £3.30 £1.10. £1.80, £3.00 DF £7.40 Trio £18.00. CSF: £10.24. Tricast £79.60

8.50 (5f 59yd) 1, Pizzicato (D Griffiths, 3-1): 2, Comanche Quest (11-4); 3, Suite Factors (9-2) Always Grace 2-1 fav 6 ran. Sh hd. 4l. R Williams Tote: £3.60. £2.00, £2.10. DF: £8.30. CSF £10.96

Placepot: £42.40. Quadpot: £13.60.

Doncaster

Going: good

6.30 (6f) 1, Prince Foley (D McGaffin, 7-1); 2, Alconleigh (5-4 fav). 3, Premium Pursuit (7-2) 5 ran. ½l, 5l W Turner Tote. £6.10; £2.70, £1.70 DF: £5.00. CSF £14.95

7.00 (5f) 1, Cross The Border (P Roberts, 5-2 fav). 2, Southern Dominion (12-1); 3, Superbit (9-2) 11 ran NR: Brecongill Lad. 1½l, 2¾l D Nicholls Tote £3.30; £1.30, £5.90. £1.90 DF £55.80 Trio. £36.70 CSF £31.87 Tricast £120.21

7.30 (1m) 1, Altaheal (G Carter 14-1): 2, Sualtach (11-2 jt-fav); 3, Somerton Boy (10-1) Veni Vidi Vici 11-2 jt-fav 14 ran. ½l, 1¾l. R Johnson Houghton Tote: £16.90 £4.20 £1.90, £3.70 DF. £36.60 Trio £221.70. CSF £87.43 Tricast: £778.74.

8.00 (1m) 1, Intikhab (G Carter, 7-4 fav); 2, Illusion (3-1); 3, Hi Nod (10-1) 6 ran ¾l, 1¾l D Morley Tote £2.30, £1.40, £2.20 DF £2.60 CSF £6.70

8.30 (5f) 1, Titanic (L Dettori, 6-4) 2, Perfect Peach (6-1). 3 One Singer (11-8 fav) 7 ran. 3l, hd J Gosden. Tote £2.00; £1.40, £2.00 DF: £4.50 CSF £8.90.

9.00 (1m 4f) 1, Azmab (K Darley, 15-2): 2, Cashmirie (100-30): 3, Ordained (5-1). Inimitable 2-1 fav. 6 ran NR: Kristal Breeze 1¾l, 1¼l P Walwyn Tote £8.30, £3.20. £1.70 DF £12.50 CSF £29.32

Placepot: £298.40. Quadpot: £122.70.

Worcester

Going: good to firm

6.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Couchant (A P McCoy, 3-1 fav); 2, Five Flags (9-2). 3, Mick's Tycoon (20-1). 4, Edward Seymour (8-1) 17 ran 2l, 10l M Pipe Tote: £4.90; £1.10, £1.50, £2.50, £1.60 DF: £13.40. Trio £126.30 CSF £14.26. Tricast. £222.10.

6.40 (2m hdle) 1, Henrys Port (R Dunwoody, 3-1). 2, Totally Yours (8-11 fav). 3, Alaflak (15-2) 9 ran Nk, 5l M Meade Tote £3.20. £1.30. £1.10, £4.10 DF £2.00 Trio £3.70 CSF £5.50

7.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Sherif (C Llewellyn, 9-2). 2, Apache Park (7-2); 3, Searchlight (8-11 fav) 5 ran NR: Persian Elite 1l, 1½l J Hills Tote. £5.90 £1.80, £1.60 DF £8.90. CSF £18.76.

7.40 (2m ch) 1, No Light (L Harvey, 9-4 fav); 2, Verde Luna (4-1). 3, Grand Applause (10-1) 13 ran. 3½l, 7l. A Turnell Tote £3.60. £1.60. £1.60. £3.80. DF £5.90. Trio £21.70 CSF: £11.56 Tricast £72.99

8.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Zaliba (A Thornton, 8-1): 2, Jaltappoal (12-1). 3, O My Love (11-4 fav) 9 ran. 11l, 1½l P Chamings. Tote: £11.60: £3.90, £3.50, £1.10 DF: £81.20. Trio £134.70. CSF £91.88

8.40 (2m 7f 110yd ch) 1, Hurricane Blake (A P McCoy, 5-1). 2, Gems Lad (9-4 fav); 3, Cyril Henry (25-1). 12 ran. NR: Frontier Flight, Glenfinn Princess. 1¾l, 14l M Pipe. Tote £6.20; £2.90 £1.70, £7.30 DF £11.30 Trio: £204.70 CSF: £14.54. Tricast £236.55

9.10 (2m hdl) 1, Regal Absence (A Maguire, 7-4 fav); 2, Royal Mint (9-1). 3, Always A Pleasure (25-1). 16 ran 1½l, 2l. D Nicholson Tote £2.80; £1.40, £2.00, £5.30 DF: £5.30 Trio £168.00. CSF. £17.48

Placepot: £62.10. Quadpot: £26.90.

SALISBURY

THUNDERER

6.20 Moultazim. 6.50 Hujoom. 7.20 Irsal. 7.50 Days Of Grace. 8.20 Charlton Imp. 8.50 Tycooness.

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DRAW. 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.20 AXMINSTER 100 APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,200: 1m) (16 runners)

1	431-	COINTOSSER 21J (D,F,G) M Pipe 4-9-11	P Fredericks 13
2	4254	EUROBOX BOY 7 (D,F) A Jarvis 4-9-9	C Carver (8) 7
3	4-53	HELIOS 17 (CD,F,S) D Murray Smith 9-9-9	D McGaffin 12
4	000	MAGIC LAHR 14 I Balding 4-9-6	L Masterson (8) 10
5	14-0	KING PARROT 36 (C,D,F) Lord Huntingdon 9-9-3	C Cogan (8) 5
6	-040	ABSOLUTE UTOPIA 36 N Berry 4-9-1	T Field (5) 8
7	-022	SAMARA SONG 32 (BF) I Williams 4-9-0	D Hayden (5) 14
8	0-05	WARREN KNIGHT 35 C Horgan 4-8-13	R Brisland (5) 11
9	6-50	MARY CULI 38 H Candy 3-8-12	B Smith (10) 3
10	4000	RIVER SEINE 16 S Knight 5-8-5	R Cody-Boutcher (5) 1
11	-000	DANCING JACK 11 J Bridger 4-8-0	P Doe 16
12	1530	KIROV PROTEGE 27 (D,F) Mrs L Jewell 5-7-12	P Clarke (3) 9
13	00-0	MOULTAZIM 17 Mrs S Williams 7-7-10	Angela Gallimore 15
14	2500	LADYBOWER 4 (D) J Pearce 5-7-10	J Fowle (3) 6
15	4600	ROYAL ACCLAIM 8 (V,CD,F,S) K Burke 12-7-10	Emily Joyce (8) 4
16	0040	AMNESTY BAY 20 (D,G) M Usher 5-7-10	Kerry Baker (5) 2

7-2 Samara Song, 11-2 Cointosser, 13-2 Helios, 7-1 Warren Knight, 8-1 Eurobox Boy, River Seine, 10-1 Magic Lahr, Absolute Utopia, 12-1 others.

6.50 NETHERAVON NOVICE STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,672: 6f 212yd) (6)

1		BERMUDA BOY 9 Meehan 8-12	M Tebbutt 5
2		DRAGON BOY I Williams 8-12	A Clark 2
3	0	FANTASY NIGHT 20 J Dunlop 8-12	W J O'Connor 4
4	3	HUJOOM 28 J Dunlop 8-12	B Doyle 3
5	5	SMART BEAU 34 R Charlton 8-12	T Sprake 6
6	40	DOWNCLOSE DUCHESS 13 M Blanshard 8-7	C Rutter 1

7-4 Hujoom, 13-1 Fantasy Night, Smart Beau, 12-1 Bermuda Boy, 20-1 Dragon Boy, Downclose Duchess.

7.20 ST JOHN AMBULANCE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,730: 1m 4f) (4)

1	-334	MOTET 23 (BF) G Wragg 9-7	A Clark 3
2	3363	IRSAL 11 M Pipe 8-13	R Hughes 1
3	0100	BEHIND THE SCENES 29 (S) C Cyzer 8-10	W J O'Connor 2
4	3385	DEEP WATER 23 P Cole 9-9	G Rutter 4

5-4 Motet, 2-1 Irsal, 5-1 Deep Water, 11-2 Behind The Scenes

7.50 NIGHTFALL CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,025: 5f) (3)

1	143	RUZEN 34 (D,S) B Palling 8-10	D Harrison 3
2	12	DESERT LADY 20 (BF,CD,F) R Charlton 8-8	T Sprake 2
3	4164	DAYS OF GRACE 7 (D,F) M Meade 8-5	F Norton 1

5-6 Desert Lady, 11-8 Ruzen, 8-1 Days Of Grace.

8.20 NETTON CLAIMING HANDICAP
(£3,120: 6f) (16)

1	0006	ROBELLION 6 (V,D,F) D Arbuthnot 6-9-10	S Whitworth 11
2	0080	DIVINE MISS-P 3 (D,G) A Jarvis 4-9-10	C Carver (7) 15
3	5-05	RAMBOLD 37 (BF,D,F,G) N Berry 6-9-10	R Perham 9
4	0000	MELLORS 8 (D,G) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-9	S Drowne 16
5	1005	ABTAAL 4 (F,G) R Hodges 7-9-6	A Mackay 8
6	0866	SAXON BAY 28 K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-5	A McGlone 6
7	5060	PETRACO 25 (D,F,G,S) N Smith 9-9-4	Amanda Sanders (5) 13
8	0065	LAMORNA 35 (D,F) M Channon 3-9-3	P P Murphy (3) 14
9	0282	PETER PERFECT 9 (B) G Lewis 3-9-2	DOUBTFUL 4
10	3000	CHARLTON IMP 7 (F) R Hodges 4-9-1	T Sprake 3
11	4235	JUSTINIANUS 16 (D) J Bridger 5-9-0	A Daly 1
12	2083	NELLIE NORTH 4 (F) G McCourt 4-8-13	D Harrison 2
13	340-	BELLA'S LEGACY 330 K Burke 4-8-13	W J O'Connor 7
14	4021	DISTINCTIVE DREAM 11 (B,D,G) K Ivory 3-8-13 (7ex)	B Doyle 5
15	000	SECRET STRENGTH 21 Lady Herries 3-8-12	A Clark 10
16	0650	BEVELED CRYSTAL 7 C James 3-8-10	C Rutter 12

9-2 Peter Perfect, 11-2 Distinctive Dream, 7-1 Rambold, 8-1 Lamorna, 10-1 Robellion, Abtaal, 12-1 Mellors, Petraco, Justinianus, 14-1 others

8.50 ODSTOCK MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,743: 1m 6f) (6)

1	00	AJCOMBE 6 Lady Herries 4-9-7	A Clark 5
2	-0-	BOLD BUSTER 161J I Balding 4-9-7	S Whitworth 1
3	5	ULTIMATE SMOOTHIE 6 M Pipe 5-9-7	R Hughes 2
4	0606	BAUBIGNY 25 M Channon 3-8-7	P P Murphy (3) 4
5	5	EWAR SNOWFLAKE 20 K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-2	T Sprake 6
6	2	TYCOONESS 37 M Johnston 3-8-2	J Fanning 3

4-11 Tycooness, 5-1 Ultimate Smoothie, 7-1 Baubigny, 16-1 Bold Buster, 33-1 Ajcombe, Ewar Snowflake

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 13 winners from 59 runners, 22.0%; G Wragg, 3 from 15, 20.0%; R Charlton, 13 from 75, 17.3%; P Cole, 15 from 99, 15.2%; J Dunlop, 17 from 116, 14.7%.

JOCKEYS: R Hughes, 12 winners from 86 rides, 14.0%; B Doyle, 8 from 61, 13.1%. Only qualifiers.

☐ Peter Murphy, the apprentice, received a seven-day suspension for irresponsible riding at Bath yesterday. He was found guilty of causing interference aboard Cauda Equina in the Tote Bookmakers Handicap and banned from July 26 to August 2.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Cover the East-West hands and see if you can find the best line in Six Clubs, on the lead of the king of hearts.

Dealer South **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠4
♥A 10 7 6 3
♦A J 5
♣9 8 4 2

West:
♠Q 10 7 3
♥K Q J 2
♦K 8 6
♣K 3

East:
♠9 8 6 5
♥9 8
♦10 9 7 4 3 2
♣5

South:
♠A K J 2
♥5 4
♦Q
♣A Q J 10 7 6

S	W	N	E
1 C	Pass	1 H	Pass
1 S	Pass	3 C	Pass
4 NT (1)	Pass	5 H (2)	Pass
6 C	All Pass		

Contract: Six Clubs by South. Lead: king of hearts

(1) and (2) Blackwood, and showing two aces. This was a good natural auction. The key bid was North's jump preference to Three Clubs. Some duplicate players would wrongly try Two Diamonds, "fourth suit forcing", over One Spade. You should use that only when you don't have a clear alternative. Here Three Clubs accurately expressed North's trump support, two aces and singleton spade.

The right play is a particularly simple example of a technique I've discussed before. Declarer might just take the club finesse, a 50 per cent chance. But best is to lay down the ace of clubs, and if the king doesn't fall, lead the queen of diamonds hoping West has the king. (If West plays low you re-enter dummy with a spade ruff to cash the ace of diamonds for a heart discard.)

This way you make (a) if the king of clubs is falling (about a 26 per cent chance) and (b) failing that, when West has the king of diamonds — 50 per cent of the remaining 74 per cent, for a total chance of over 60 per cent. But you don't need to work out the percentages — just to notice that laying down the ace of clubs reduces you to at worst taking the diamond finesse, and thus has extra chances over the immediate club finesse.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Top ten

I have given much thought to who are the top ten players in the history of chess. My assessment takes into account not just results but quality of play, as well as general contribution to chess culture. In chronological order, they are: Morphy, Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine, Botvinnik, Fischer, Karpov, Kasparov, Anand and Kramnik. In the game today, Anand destroys Short's chances of a high placing in the recently-concluded Dortmund tournament.

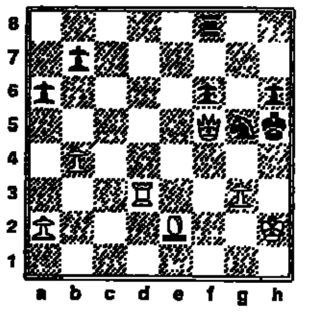
White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Nigel Short
Dortmund, July 1997

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	d6
7	c3	Bg4
8	d3	Nd7
9	Be3	Bxf3
10	Qxf3	Bg5
11	Nd2	0-0
12	Bc2	h6
13	Rf1	Nb6
14	Rad1	Bxe3
15	fxe3	g6
16	Qg3	Qg5
17	Qh3	Kg7
18	Rf3	Rg8
19	Rdf1	Raf8
20	Bb3	Nd8
21	Nc4	Nxc4
22	Bxc4	Qe7
23	Rf6	Re8
24	Qh4	Rgf8
25	b4	Qd7
26	Bd5	c6
27	Bb3	Ne6
28	Qg3	Qd8
29	Qf3	Ng5
30	Qg4	d5
31	exd5	cxd5
32	h4	Nh7
33	R6f5	f6
34	h5	Ng5
35	hxg6	Qd6
36	d4	Ne4
37	dxe5	Rxe5
38	Rxe5	Qxe5
39	Rf5	Qxc3
40	Rxd5	Qxe3+
41	Kh2	Ng5
42	Qd7+	Kxg6
43	Bc2+	Kh5
44	Qf5	Kh4
45	Rd3	Qe5+
46	g3+	Kh5
47	Bd1+	Qe2+
48	Bxe2	

Checkmate

Diagram of final position



In future articles I shall return to this question, giving reasons for my choices and suggesting a possible ranking order. I am also open to improvements and suggestions from readers.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AASVOGEL
a. A donkey-cart
b. A silly idiot
c. A vulture

FLAMMENWERFER
a. A flambé pancake
b. A flamethrower
c. A Gestapo official

CLOUE
a. Sea mist
b. Studded
c. A game of patience

ENCIERRO
a. A bull run
b. A garland of daisies
c. A formal ovation

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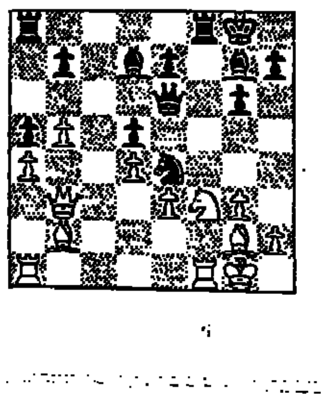
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Oslon — Grunfeld, Israel 1997.

White's next move catches Black in a clever crossfire. Can you see how he achieved this?



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Scorers in threat to strike over England's selection

By Simon Wilde

THE popular image of the cricket scorer is, probably, of a middle-aged, mild-mannered pen-pusher. In fact, that impression became outdated four years ago, when the county scorers were forcibly told to exchange pencils for laptop computers serving the world's media as well as the clubs. It may change for good if a proposal for strike action is agreed at an extraordinary meeting of the Association of County Cricket Scorers (ACCS) later this month.

What has roused the association's ire is the reappointment by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) of Malcolm Ashton as scorer for England's winter tour to the Caribbean. Ashton, who scores for BBC television, is not a member of ACCS, which strongly feels that the appointment ought to come from its number.

The ACCS is to discuss Ashton's selection at Derby on July 28, when the only proposal on the table is for a one-day strike on Sunday, August 31, when all 18 counties are involved in Axa Life League matches. The meeting was called by ten of its members, but there are others who are unhappy at talk of strikes and intend to work, even if action is approved. Under the ACCS's constitution, a straight majority of those present is sufficient to carry a proposal.

"I think it would be most regrettable if the association were to take this course of action," Tim Lamb, chief executive of the ECB, said yesterday, "and I find it hard to reconcile with its assurances, at the time it was set up and asked for our approval, that it was not a militant body but an association of like-minded professionals."

Ashton was first appointed to score on tour two years ago by Ray Illingworth, the England manager, who had worked alongside him for the BBC. After initial protests, the board agreed to consider applications for the post when England visited Zimbabwe and New Zealand, but still gave the job to Ashton.

Lamb stressed, however, that Ashton's job would have a wider brief than before. "It will not simply be that of scorer," he said. "Malcolm will be an administrative assistant, taking on some of the duties previously carried out by the tour manager. Malcolm has done an excellent job in the past and received glowing reports."

The ACCS hopes that the threat of strike action will persuade the board to agree to appoint association members as scorer in future and also take official scorers with England A and under-19 touring teams. At present, local scorers are used.

CRICKET

Australian follows in master's footsteps

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

CHELTENHAM (second day of four): Derbyshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 190 runs behind Gloucestershire

FEW cricketing institutions are so entrenched or revered as the Cheltenham Festival. Shaun Young proved the point yesterday, making the highest score on this ground since W. G. Grace's 318 against Yorkshire in 1876 and responding with the joy of an Australian in Utopia.

Young made 237 out of Gloucestershire's imposing 484, a remarkable transformation after 13 wickets had fallen in the first three hours of the match. By the close of the second day, Derbyshire required a miracle to escape defeat.

Gloucestershire took some distinguished soundings before offering their overseas place to Young this year. He is a rung or two short of being famous, but he has already proved himself to be a capable cricketer and, on the eve of the festival, he surveyed this timeless scene and determined that he would make a hundred here.

He did rather better than that, especially in view of the fact that no Gloucestershire player had previously made a championship century this season. Young, a combative left-hander reared on pitches of this pace and bounce, relished the short-pitched bowling to equal Wally Hammond's record score for the county against Derbyshire.

Of his 39 fours and two sixes, the great majority were pulled with intimidating force. Derbyshire never did learn where to bowl to him and, once past 200, a feat he greeted with both arms held aloft, he posed a threat to Grace's enduring record.

He was out hitting across the line of DeFreitas in his first over with the new ball, but the innings has improved his prospects of being offered renewed terms. Although Courtney Walsh has a testimonial next year, his commitments with West Indies remain unclear and Gloucestershire may yet require Young to return if Walsh is again unavailable until June.

The Gloucestershire innings, once in deep strife at 16 for three, ended more than 24 hours later with the clatter of three wickets for one run. Between times, the dominant feature was a stand of 244 between Young and Alleyne, 17 short of the county fifth-wicket record.

The temperature had dropped yesterday and the ball declined to swing. Derbyshire were exposed and, for more than an hour, Young and Alleyne took runs at will until the captain, three short of his century, fended against the persevering DeFreitas and was caught at slip.

The innings then fell into decline, sustained only by a merry stand of 44 in eight overs, between Russell and Ball. Derbyshire might almost have thought they had got off lightly.

Mike Smith did not strike with the new ball and it was not until Alleyne introduced himself that Derbyshire's stride shortened. Rollins, who had driven imperiously, was caught at second slip and Adams, out first ball on the opening day, managed one more before edging to Russell.

May, playing only his second championship match, nudged and scuttled his way to 46 before Smith returned to claim yet another leg-before decision. As if to demonstrate the fast-bowling mentality that some doubt he possesses, he then greeted Vandrau — invalided out on Wednesday for stitches in his jaw — with two successive bouncers. He survived the ordeal, along with Barnett, but they need to bat for most of today to alter the tone of this match.

[illegible] WILKINSON

Peter Martin, of Lancashire, forces a ball from James Kirtley through mid-off during his undefeated innings of 37

Curran's rhythm unsettles Essex

By Barney Spender

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 103 runs ahead of Essex

THE Northamptonshire bowling attack might appear to be one of the less penetrating in the country. Mohammad Akram, the Pakistani, and Paul Taylor are a far from frightening new-ball pairing, Scott Boswell and Jeremy Snape are still at the apprentice stage, while Kevin Curran is 37, medium paced and has a dodgy shoulder.

Yet, on a pitch that, if a touch on the slow side, is still full of runs, they knocked over Essex for 275 and so took a valuable first-innings lead of 89. By the close, the Northamptonshire opening partnership had extended that by 14.

Each of the bowlers contributed and, with the exception of Rob Bailey, who sent down a solitary over of off spin, they each took a wicket; but the key players were Akram and Curran.

Akram remains an enigma. He lopes in at no great pace and does not appear to do much with the ball, but occasionally he slips in a beauty that leaves the batsman in a land of uncertainty. Curran, on the other hand, seems to have found a rhythm and fitness that have eluded him for the past couple of years. Last season, he took just three wickets, but his four for 32 yesterday was his third four-wicket haul of the summer and was his best return since 1993.

To be fair, Essex did not bat well and, like Northamptonshire on Wednesday, made gifts of some of their wickets. After Paul Prichard had battered ten boundaries on his way to 50 from 52 balls, only Nasser Hussain showed any signs of permanence.

This was only Hussain's second innings for Essex since he scored 207 for England in the first Test at the start of June, and he was far from his fluent best, but, with wickets falling at regular intervals, he opted for occupation, his 77 coming in a tad longer than four hours. He did, however, collect nine fours and a six before Curran elicited an uppish drive to Bailey at mid-on.

Graham Gooch, on the other hand, failed again, a feat that, on his performances this season, no longer grabs the headlines. For the best part of the past two decades, he was the most consistent batsmen in the country, translating an insatiable appetite for runs into championship and one-day hundreds, that brought Essex a cabinet-full of trophies. This season, however, the runs have dried up, with just 318 coming from his 14 innings before this match, and the former England captain has only two half-centuries to his credit.

Perhaps, in his role as an England selector, the hunger for runs has been satisfied; maybe, with his 44th birthday only a week away, the reflexes are simply slowing down.

Yesterday, he showed that the talent was still there in a thrilling cameo that included two sixes in the opening over of the innings from Akram. The first ball, a half-volley on leg stump, was flicked away over square leg, and the sixth, a bouncer, disappeared over long leg.

In the past, he would have capitalised ruthlessly on such propitious beginnings, but, yesterday, he threw it away in lame fashion, misjudging a gentle, short ball from Akram and falling leg-before. There is talk of him playing next year, but that is hard to visualise if this form continues.

Taylor fails to mask frailties of Sussex top order

By Richard Hobson

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Sussex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 405 runs behind Lancashire

SUSSEX are approaching the stage where their cricket evokes sympathy rather than wrath. The top order is simply too fragile to compete and the biggest indictment of their calamitous state is that the events of yesterday unfolded with utter predictability.

Only Neil Taylor, recruited last winter at the age of 37, and, to a lesser extent, Keith Newell demonstrated the necessary resolve to meet a target of 412 to avoid the follow-on. Their best score of this unhappy campaign is only 411, and but for Taylor, they would doubtless have begun their second innings already.

The requirement of an accomplished batsman to reinforce their rubbery backbone becomes more evident with every championship game. They have sounded out Tony Greig, their former captain, as to the merits of several Australian players and will study the remainder of the Ashes series with interest.

Lancashire did not even bowl as well as they can in restricting Sussex to 156 for five before the rain came. Lenham fell leg-before in the sixth over as he pushed ineffectually outside the line and Rao shuffled across his crease when Martin switched to the Stretford End. Austin accounted for Athey and Greenfield in the same over.

After dropping the century-maker, Crawley, on Thursday, Greenfield yesterday shouldered arms to a ball that nipped back to clip his bails before he had scored. Taylor, at least, showed the full face of his bat in defence, and drove Yates for six to add to his 11 fours before he gave a catch to Shadford at extra cover.

Batting was not the same treacherous pursuit in the morning session. Watkinson, hooking powerfully, and Austin, who forced crisply off the front foot, were able to complete half-centuries. Watkinson declared 18 minutes after lunch on 561 for eight, the third highest total of the season.

Durham battle for survival

By Pat Gibson

SCARBOROUGH (second day of four): Durham, with five second-innings wickets in hand, need 159 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Yorkshire

WHEN the trustees of the Durham Light Infantry offered a cup that is reputed to be the biggest piece of sporting silverware in the world as the prize in the county's championship matches against Yorkshire, they made one stipulation. Just as the Ashes always remain at Lord's, the trophy would stay in Co Durham.

It was just as well. Unlike the Second Battalion of the Light Infantry, who won the trophy so many times in the 1920s, when it was the All India Regimental Football Cup, that they kept it, Durham's cricketers have never looked like winning.

They have lost to Yorkshire four times and drawn once in their five previous meetings and were in full retreat again last night after conceding a first-innings deficit of 220 and then collapsing to 61 for five, with Roseberry unable to bat after being hit on the head the day before. Even Captain David Boon, recruited from the Tasmania pioneer corps to lead Durham out of the trenches, seemed to have lost heart by the end of another day of Yorkshire domination.

It began well enough for Durham when McGrath, 57 overnight, was caught behind off Walker without adding to his score, but then Lehmann, Yorkshire's Australian import, took control. He had cracked two sixes and 12 fours in his 86, taking him within 59 runs of becoming the first batsman to reach 1,000 runs this season, when he shouldered arms to Foster and was bowled.

An unbeaten 74 from Parker and a typically breezy 34 from Gough further strengthened Yorkshire's grip before their attack again showed Durham how to capitalise on the grassy pitch. Silverwood struck a crucial blow by bowling the obdurate Lewis and the rest, Boon included, virtually surrendered.

Weather halts Marsh charge

By Jack Bailey

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Kent have scored 498 for nine wickets against Leicestershire

IN MANY ways, it was a nearly day. There was nearly some play after lunch, after all but a full morning, and Steve Marsh nearly completed his tenth first-class century when play stopped ten minutes short of the lunch interval. In the interests of a Kent victory, he may well miss out, for an overnight declaration is called for now that Kent's remarkable recovery has taken their first innings to almost 500.

Fulfilment was possible, however, for Mark Ealham. His innings had been at the heart of Kent's resurgence from 126 for five and, 96 not out overnight and having spent nine overs in the nineties, he agonised for a further 11 overs before achieving three figures.

He did not face the bowling until the eighteenth ball of the day as Marsh commandeered the strike. He then faced 39 balls without moving from his overnight score, a run that ended when he pushed a single off Ormond. A three off Mullally finally did the trick. Amazingly, it was only his third century. In all, he batted for a minute more than 6½ hours for a career-best 139.

While Ealham went on to record his highest first-class score, Marsh continued to bat with outrageous aplomb for one so low in the order. He was dropped at deep third man when 44, but otherwise showed the Leicestershire attack little mercy as he made his way to an unbeaten 98.

One Leicestershire bowler to emerge with flying colours from the hammering, however, was Ormond. According to Jack Birkenshaw, the Leicestershire coach: "He is unusually mature for a 19-year-old, continually thinking of variations and different ways to get the batsman out." His was an excellent performance and, in due course, Ormond might pass on the secret of the ball that dismissed Ealham, via the bottom edge, on to his pad, then dislodging the leg bail.

Hampshire staring at defeat

By Simon Wilde

GUILDFORD (second day of four): Hampshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 277 runs behind Surrey

IT WAS the turn of Surrey's bowlers to do themselves proud yesterday as they put in an excellent day's work in unpromising circumstances to leave Hampshire viewing from a distance their follow-on target of 328. Hampshire finished the day on 200 for five in reply to Surrey's first innings of 477 and, with Hayden and Smith gone, will now do well to escape defeat.

In the first couple of hours Hampshire proceeded serenely past the hundred mark for the loss of only Laney, playing down the wrong line to Ben Hollioake. Hayden was in his element, punching off drives and pulling to his heart's content and closing in eagerly on the 93 runs that he needed to become the first batsman to score 1,000 runs this season.

Surrey, however, stuck to their task well and in mid-afternoon Bicknell had James caught and, two overs later, squeezed a ball through Hayden's usually water-tight defence. Hayden's score stood at 58, his aggregate at 965.

SURREY: First innings

J D Ratcliffe c Keech b Milburn	1
M A Butcher c Keech b Stephenson	66
†A J Stewart c Aymes b Milburn	98
G P Thorpe c Aymes b Bovill	84
A D Brown c Renshaw b Stephenson	7
*A J Hollioake st Aymes b Keech	75
B C Hollioake c James b Milburn	0
C C Lewis c Udal b Bovill	78
M P Bicknell b Stephenson	0
I D K Salisbury c Hayden b Bovill	11
A J Tudor not out	36
Extras (b 3, lb 10, w 4, nb 4)	21
Total (110.1 overs)	477

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-177, 3-183, 4-203, 5-327, 6-328, 7-367, 8-368, 9-415.

BOWLING: Bovill 24.1-4-116-3; Milburn 28-1-97-3; Renshaw 15-3-88-0; Udal 13-1-43-0; Stephenson 28-1-110-3; Keech 4-0-12-1.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings

J S Laney lbw b B C Hollioake	41
M L Hayden b Bicknell	58
K D James c Brown b Bicknell	8
R A Smith c Salisbury b Lewis	25
M Keech hit wicket b Lewis	12
*J P Stephenson not out	18
†A N Aymes not out	20
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 6, nb 6)	18
Total (5 wkts, 72.3 overs)	200

S D Udal, J N B Bovill, S J Renshaw and S M Milburn to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-114, 3-125, 4-153, 5-158.

BOWLING: Bicknell 20.3-4-55-2; Lewis 15-5-31-2; Tudor 3-0-24-0; A J Hollioake 2-0-7-0; Salisbury 18-4-42-0; B C Hollioake 5-1-11-1; Ratcliffe 9-2-24-0.

Bonus points: Surrey 6 Hampshire 6.

Umpires: J W Holder and M J Kitchen.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

NICE: IAAF grand prix meeting: Men: 200m: 1, [illegible] (Nor) 20.41sec; 2, R Griffin (US) 20.50; 3, S Ogunkoya (Nigeria) 20.57. **1,000m:** 1, L Rotich (Ken) 2min 14.42sec; 2, [illegible] (Ken) 2:14.36; 3, M Kogo (Ken) 2:15.05. **1,500m:** 1, H El Guerrouj (Mor) 3:30.32; 2, J Kiprotich (Ken) 3:30.44; 3, W Tanui (Ken) 3:31.62; 7, J Mayock (GB) 3:33.82. **Mile:** 1, N Morceli (Alg) 3:48.64; 2, N Ngeny (Ken) 3:50.41; 3, S Chaib (Fr) 3:52.21; 5, M O'Sullivan (Ire) 3:52.72; 6, M Carroll (Ire) 3:52.82. **3,000m:** 1, K Boulami (Mor) 7:30.99; 2, T Nyariki (Ken) 7:31.49; 3, P Sang (Ken) 7:31.72. **3,000m steeplechase:** 1, M Kiptanui (Ken) 8:08.24; 2, [illegible] (Ken) 8:08.85; 3, B Barmasai (Ken) 8:09.92. **110m hurdles:** 1, A Garcia (Cuba) 13.15sec; 2, A Jarrett (GB) 13.25; 3, I Kovacs (Slovakia) 13.29. **400m hurdles:** 1, L Herbert (SA) 48.17; 2, S Matete (Zam) 48.37; 3, D Kovacs (Hun) 48.92. **Pole vault:** 1, M Tarasov (Russ) 5.90m; 2, O Brits (SA) 5.85; 3, R Botha (SA) 5.80. **Long jump:** 1, E Walder (US) 8.22m; 2, G Cankar (Slovenia) 8.12; 3, C Calado (Por) 8.02. **Javelin:** 1, M Hill (GB) 83.38m; 2, E Makarov (Russ) 83.12; 3, E Gonzalez (Cuba) 81.50. **Women: 200m:** 1, M Ottey (Jam) 22.47sec; 2, J Campbell (Jam) 22.61; 3, C Arron (Fr) 22.75. **800m:** 1, Y Afanasyeva (Russ) 1min 57.38sec; 2, L Vriesde (Sur) 1:57.99; 3, L Mendes (Br) 1:59.18. **Mile:** 1, C Sacramento (Por) 4:25.30; 2, J Waruguru (Ken) 4:26.34; 3, M Crowley (Aus) 4:26.47; 5, S Delahunt (Ire) 4:27.32. **3,000m:** 1, F Ribeiro (Por) 8:37.14; 2, S Barsosio (Ken) 8:38.60; 3, M Bastos (Por) 8:51.43. **100m hurdles:** 1, M Morrison (US) 12.63sec; 2, L Engquist (Swe) 12.65; 3, C Darkey (US) 12.85. **400m hurdles:** 1, K Batten (US) 53.71sec; 2, N Bidouane (Mor) 54.71; 3, T Tereshchuk (Ukr) 54.96. **High jump:** 1, I Babakova (Ukr) 2.00m; 2, M Iagar (Rom) 1.98; 3, Y Lyakova (Russ) 1.93. **Shot:** 1, A Kumbernuss (Ger) 20.51m; 2, S Storp (Ger) 19.33; 3, J Oakes (GB) 19.06. **Triple jump:** 1, S Kasparkova (Cz) 14.72m; 2, E Govorova (Ukr) 14.46; 3, A Hansen (GB) 14.32.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 4 Baltimore 1; New York Yankees 11 Chicago White Sox 5; Cleveland 4 Milwaukee 3; Texas 6 Toronto 0; Oakland 11 Kansas City 3; Anaheim 5 Detroit 3; Seattle 8 Minnesota 7.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 5 Los Angeles 1; Philadelphia 6 Montreal 0; Cincinnati 7 Pittsburgh 3; Atlanta 2 Colorado 1; Chicago Cubs 6 New York Mets 5; Houston 8 San Francisco 1; San Diego 4 St Louis 3.

BOWLS

EASTBOURNE: Open tournament: Pairs: Third round: D Fermor and P Hill 18 J Fruton and B Howis 13; D Johnson and W Cubitt 24 S Sam and L Ball 12; S Chaylor and V Smith 20 D Nichols and G Dunstall 11; A Turner and F Turner 21 S Riggs and J Preston 18; K Hook and J King 25 J Holder and S Fagan 17; C Wright and S Jeapes 22 D Fenner and P Fitzgerald 21; W Letman and M Letman 25 J Dossetter and P Poulson 7; K Moore and G Moses 24 T Smith and D Hamson 23; G Hopkins and R Lloyd 23 R Snelling and I Hall 13; G Williams and A Williams 22 G Ivers and R Plant 18; S Barton and D Brown 21 C Field and R Charlton 11; S Sands and G McCullagh 24 J Smith and W Dawking 23.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of three: South Shields: Durham 162 and 14-0; Leicestershire 215 (N Killeen 7-67). **Hove:** Sussex 413-5 dec (J R Carpenter 107 not out, J D Chaplin 72, M Newell 65, M T E Peirce 60); Glamorgan 18-1. **Southampton:** Yorkshire 444-7 dec (N S Russell 126, R A Kettleborough 102, G M Fellows 71, G M Hamilton 54); Hampshire 33-0. **Milton Keynes:** Northamptonshire 260 (A J Swann 104, P T Bates 4-72); Nottinghamshire 25-2. **Halesowen:** Worcestershire 297 (R K Illingworth 90, T B D Oliveira 79, P Aldred 4-71); Derbyshire 50-1. **Chelmsford:** Essex 360-9 dec (J C Powell 116, A J E Hibbert 66, G G Wilson 55, D J Hyam 51, G Keedy 5-62); Lancashire 23-5 (S J W Andrew 3-11). **Second day of four: Taunton:** Warwickshire 296 and 214-3 (A Singh 112 not out); Somerset 176 (M D Edmond 6-69). **The Oval:** Surrey 447 (G J Batty 132, J N Batty 103, R M Pearson 79); Kent 219-9 (S C Willis 70, B J Phillips 51, R M Pearson 4-74).

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: **Weymouth:** Dorset 160-8 (J E Hardy 52 not out, D J Angove 4-43) and 193; Cornwall 148 and 192 (G M Thomas 54, S R Walbridge 4-48). Dorset (20pts) beat Cornwall (3) by 13 runs. **Carlisle:** Cambridgeshire 101 (J M Fielding 4-22) and 262-6 (S A Kellett 121 not out); Cumberland 301-6 (S J O'Shaughnessy 113, A D Mawson 80, G J Clarke 60). Match drawn: Cumberland (7) Cambridgeshire (2).

FENCING

CAPE TOWN: World championships: Men: Sabre: First round (selected results): Zuo Bin (China) bt J Williams (GB) 15-11; F Medina (Sp) bt M Fletcher (GB) 15-8; S Wiesinger (Ger) bt I Williams (GB) 15-12. **Second round:** S Pozdnyakov (Russ) bt Zuo Bin (China) 15-8; G Touya (Fr) bt J Huchwajda (Ger) 15-9; D Ferjancsik (Hun) bt A Falcon (Sp) 15-13; M Gourdain (Fr) bt N Jasiot (Pol) 15-13; R Sznajder (Pol) bt C Porumb (Rom) 15-9; M [illegible] bt C Fornaro (It) 15-9; Wiesinger bt V Szabo (Rom) 15-13; J-P Daurelle (Fr) bt P Peinador (Sp) 15-11; S Sharikov (Russ) bt K Smart (US) 15-5; L Tarantino (It) bt D Lapkes (Bela) 15-8; R Caserta (It) bt M Huchwajda (Ger) 15-11; J Navarrete (Hun) bt E Lehmann (Ger) 15-11; I Tsel (Kaz) bt S Kovalev (Bela) 15-13; T Terenzi (It) bt A Lupoica (Rom) 15-11; T Pigula (Pol) bt G Boros (Hun) 15-12; G Touya (Fr) bt Seo Sung Jun (S Kor) 15-3. **Third round:** Pozdnyakov bt Touya 15-8; Ferjancsik bt Gourdain 15-9; Sznajder bt Medina 15-13; Daurelle bt Wiesinger 15-10; Tarantino bt Sharikov 15-11; Caserta bt Navarrete 15-12; Tsel bt Terenzi 15-13; Touya bt Pigula 15-10. **Quarter-finals:** Pozdnyakov bt Ferjancsik 15-10; Sznajder bt Daurelle 15-10; Tarantino bt Caserta 15-14; Touya bt Tsel 15-6. **Semi-finals:** Pozdnyakov bt Sznajder 15-10; Tarantino bt Touya 15-12. **Final:** Pozdnyakov bt Tarantino 15-12. **Foil: First round** (selected results): Kim Seung Pyo (S Kor) bt K Beydoun (GB) 15-5. **Second round:** R Tucker (Cuba) bt R Sobczak (Pol) 15-12; A Ibragimov (Russ) bt S Cuomo (It) 15-8; D Crosta (It) bt L Bel (Fr) 15-13; Ha Bin Wang (China) bt E Gregory (Cuba) 15-9; R Bissdorf (Ger) bt A Puccini (It) 15-11; U Romer (Ger) bt M Marsi (Hun) 15-3; Kim Young Ho (S Kor) bt Kim 15-8; M Ludwig (Austria) bt F Boidin (Fr) 15-12; W [illegible] (Pol) bt O Garcia-Perez (Cuba) 15-14; J Gomez (Fr) bt A Krougla (Ukr) 15-14; O Lambert (Fr) bt P Andersen (Den) 15-8; L Plumenail (Fr) bt [illegible] (Den) 15-8; S Golubitsky (Ukr) bt Ye Chong (China) 15-11; D Chevtchenko (Russ) bt S Sanzo (It) 15-9; A Krzesinski (Pol) bt I Gonzalez (Cuba) 15-7; [illegible] (Rom) bt J F Guerra (Sp) 15-6. **Third round:** Ibragimov bt Tucker 15-13; [illegible] bt Crosta 15-11; Romer bt Bissdorf 15-13; Kim bt Ludwig 15-13; [illegible] bt Gomez 15-5; Plumenail bt Lambert 15-14; Golubitsky bt Chevtchenko 15-11; [illegible] bt Krzesinski 15-8. **Quarter-finals:** [illegible] bt Ibragimov 15-11; Kim bt Romer 15-5; Plumenail bt [illegible] 15-14; Golubitsky bt [illegible] 15-7. **Semi-finals:** Kim bt [illegible] 15-14; Golubitsky bt Plumenail 15-9. **Final:** Golubitsky bt Kim 15-14.

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: Final: Derry City 0 Newcastle 2 (Crawford 8, [illegible] 37). **Third-place play-off:** Celtic 2 (Wieghorst 35, Van Der Weerden 39og) PSV Eindhoven 2 (De Bilde 42, 53) (PSV won 6-5 on pens) (both at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, att: 14,500).

OTHER MATCHES: Penzance 1 Leicester 7; [illegible] 0 Wimbledon 1; Kettering 0 Peterborough 2; Shrewsbury 0 Tranmere 1; Blackpool 1 Manchester City 1; Lancaster 1 Halifax 2; Exeter 3 Queens Park Rangers 1; Gretna 0 Carlisle 5; Newcastle Town 0 Port Vale 1; Sutton Utd 2 Fulham 4; Kingstonian 2 Barnet 0; Notts County 0 Birmingham 1; York 4 Middlesbrough 4; Northwood 1 Chelsea 5; Yeovil 2 Barnsley 3; Raunds 2 Northampton 1; Hednesford 0 West Brom 1; Crewe 2 Bolton 1; Trowbridge 0 Plymouth 3; Dawlish 1 Torquay 3.

GOLF

HAWKSTONE PARK, Shropshire: Lawrence Levy British blind masters tournament: Leading third-round scores: 215: D Morris 63, 76, 76. 228: T Rowlinson 74, 81, 73. 230: B Ritchie 73, 79, 78; M Gardener 72, 79, 79. 231: A Stewart 80, 74, 77.

NETBALL

BLOEMFONTEIN: International match: South Africa 40 England 38 (first of three-match series).

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA Imperial Meeting: Match Rifle: Elcho Challenge Shield (1,000, 1,100 and 1,200yds): 1, Scotland 1,723.177; 2, England 1,697.175; 3, Ireland 1,657.151; 4, Wales 1,645.147. **Target Rifle competition:** 1, Malaysia 1,176.165; 2, Jersey 1,175.164; 3, Australia 1,170.153; 4, RAF 1,156.148. **Schools: Marling Cup** (fire with movement): 1, Sedbergh 330; 2, Dundee 330; 3, Cheltenham 305. **Silenta Trophy** (300 and 500 yds): 1, R Waugh (Cranbrook) 70.10; 2, N Ballick (Victoria College) 70.7; 3, P Wilton (Sevenoaks) 34.5. **Marlborough Cup** (Snapshooting): 1, M Beckerson (Epsom) 50/50; equal 2, A Bogle (Campbell College) and R Brettell (Cheltenham) 50/48. **Rex Goddard Trophy: Stage I** (teams of 13): 1, Athelings 723; 2, Canadian Cadets 674.

RUGBY LEAGUE

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Leeds 38 Halifax 0.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Long Eaton 57 Hull 32. **ELITE LEAGUE:** Poole 44 Eastbourne 46; King's Lynn 58 Wolverhampton 32.

SWIMMING

CRYSTAL PALACE: ASA national championships: Finals: Men: Freestyle: 200m: 1, J Salter (City of Edinburgh) 1min 51.03sec; 2, G Meadows (City of Leeds) 1:51.18; 3, M Stevens (Newcastle Su) 1:53.65. **Breaststroke: 50m:** 1, R Maden (Rochdale Aquabears) 29.04sec; equal 2, N Poole (Portsmouth Northsea) and G Brettell (City of Salford) 29.40. **Butterfly: 100m:** 1, S Parry (City of Liverpool) 54.62; 2, J Hickman (Stockport Metro) 55.52; 3, S Mavin (Loughborough Univ) 55.95. **4 x 100m medley relay:** 1, Loughborough University 3min 53.66sec; 2, City of Liverpool 3:57.08; 3, City of Leeds 3:57.33. **Women: Freestyle: 200m:** 1, K Pickering (Ipswich) 2:02.26; 2, V Horner (Stockport Metro) 2:03.57; 3, J Belton (City of Bradford) 2:03.86. **Breaststroke: 50m:** 1, Z Baker (City of Sheffield) 32.78sec; 2, A Brasic (Gun) 33.09; 3, S Brownsdon (City of Coventry) 33.10. **200m butterfly:** 1, M Pedder (Portsmouth Northsea) 2:15.16; 2, N Hetzer (Ger) 2:18.53; 3, K Osher (Ealing) 2:19.53. **Individual medley: 400m:** 1, N Hetzer (Ger) 4:51.56; 2, S Nesbit (Portsmouth Northsea) 4:53.53; 3, J Swallow (Killerwhales) 4:55. **4 x 100m medley relay:** 1, Portsmouth Northsea 4:20.53; 2, City of Coventry 4:21.71; 3, City of Leeds 4:24.20.

TENNIS

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: Second round: M Rios (Chile) bt J Sanchez (Sp) 6-2, 6-3; G Blanco (Sp) bt C Moya (Sp) 4-6, 7-6, 7-5. **Third round:** S Bruguera (Sp) bt W Ferreira (SA) 1-6, 6-3, 7-5; F Mantilla (Sp) bt G Kuerten (Br) 4-1, ret; A Berasategui (Sp) bt G Blanco (Sp) 7-5, 7-5; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt F Clavet (Sp) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; A Corretja (Sp) bt M Larsson (Swe) 7-6, 6-4; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt M Rios (Chile) 6-4, 6-4; A Portas (Sp) bt H Gumy (Arg) 3-6, 6-2, 7-6.

WASHINGTON: Men's tournament (US unless stated): **Second round:** T Haas (Ger) bt M Merklein 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; F Wibier (Holl) bt D Scala (It) 7-6, 6-4; R Schuttler (Ger) bt M Hilpert (Ger) 7-5, 6-2; D Wheaton bt M Martelli (It) 7-6, 6-1; K Carlsen (Den) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-2, 6-0; B Steven (NZ) bt A Merinov (Russ) 6-0, 6-1; S Campbell bt B Ellwood (Aus) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; V Spadea bt B Shelton 6-4, 6-4; M Tebbutt (Aus) bt C Woodruff 6-3, 6-3; D Flach bt A Agassi 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

PRAGUE: Women's tournament: Second round: C Cristea (Rom) bt R Simpson (Can) 6-3, 6-3; M Maruska (Austria) w/o L Courtois (Bel) scr; K Habsudova (Slovakia) bt M Diaz-Oliva (Arg) 4-6, 6-2, 4-0 ret; A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) bt B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; V Martinek (Ger) bt W Probst (Ger) 6-0, 6-2; D Chladkova (Cz) bt R Bobkova (Cz) 7-6, 6-4; L Richterova (Cz) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 7-6, 6-4.

PALERMO: Women's tournament: I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt F Lubiani (It) 6-4, 7-5; E Makarova (Russ) bt K Triska (Swe) 6-3, 6-2; A Gavaldon (Mex) bt T Panova (Russ) 6-2, 6-4; S Testud (Fr) bt K Kschwendt (Austria) 6-2, 6-2.

DIDSBURY: Manchester challenger tournament (GB unless stated): **Men: First round:** C Wilkinson bt F Veglio (Switz) 1-6, 7-6, 6-1; M Lee bt L Milligan 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; M Petchey bt T Mitchell (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; J Holmes (Aus) bt A Richardson 7-6, 2-6, 6-4; M Navarra (It) bt R Weidenfeld (Isr) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; A Hunt (NZ) bt B Cowan 5-7, 6-4, 7-6; S Swierk (Aus) bt C Buscaglione (Fr) 7-5, 6-0; S Pescosolido (It) bt M Barnard (SA) 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; D Norman (Bel) bt P Bouteyre (Fr) 7-6, 7-5.

FRINTON: Women's tournament: Second round: J Ward (GB) bt V Kendell (Aus) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; M Joubert (SA) bt H Matthews (GB) 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; T Musgrave (Aus) bt C Udofa (Nigeria) 6-2, 6-2; T Obziler (Isr) bt H Crook (GB) 6-4, 6-4; S de Beer (Rsa) bt M Marfina (Rus) 6-2, 6-1; N Egorova (Russ) bt A Barna (Ger) 6-3, 6-4; C Grubes (Ger) bt L Ogan (GB) 7-6, 6-2; L Gabai (Isr) bt L Jaffe (GB) 7-5, 6-3.

QUEENSWOOD SCHOOL, Hertfordshire: National prep schools championships (winners): **Boys: Under-14: Singles:** S Tyson (St Aubyn's). **Doubles:** T Inskip and A Holbourn (Tower House). **Under-12: Singles:** B Harknett (Millfield Jnr). **Doubles:** B Harknett and C Meade (Millfield Jnr). **Girls: Under-14: Singles:** A Deery (St Andrews). **Doubles:** A Deery and H Gosden (St Andrews). **Under-12: Singles:** H Gosden (St Andrews). **Doubles:** L Vernon and A McCarthy (Manor Abingdon).

FIXTURES

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11.0, final day of three

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Tour match

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Britannic Assurance county championship

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CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire
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NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Essex
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
GUILDFORD: Surrey v Hampshire
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Durham

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: **South Shields:** Durham v Leicestershire. **Chelmsford:** Essex v Lancashire. **Southampton:** Hampshire v Yorkshire. **Southgate CC:** Middlesex v Gloucestershire. **Wellingborough:** Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire. **Hove:** Sussex v Glamorgan. **Halesowen:** Worcestershire v Derbyshire. **Final day of four: Taunton:** Somerset v Warwickshire. **The Oval:** Surrey v Kent.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Super League Visa world club championship

Pool A

Penrith v Warrington (10.30am)

Pool B

Leeds v Adelaide (7.30)
Oldham v North Queensland (7.30)

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GOLF: Open Championship (at Royal Troon)
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SWIMMING: ASA national championships (at Crystal Palace)
TENNIS: Men's challenger tournament (in Manchester)

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CRICKET: ONLY JAMES SHINES AS REIFFEL PUTS AUSTRALIANS IN WINNING POSITION

Glamorgan lack lustre

By Ivo Tennant

CARDIFF (second day of three): the Australians, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 215 runs ahead of Glamorgan

ALTHOUGH the Australians were understandably intent on providing as much opportunity as possible to those on the periphery of their Test side, they still managed to give themselves a decent chance of beating Glamorgan, whom they bowled out for 254 yesterday. Steve James made 91, an innings that included 15 fours, but there was little other batting of note. Paul Reiffel took five for 61 and there were wickets, too, for Michael Bevan, who needs them almost as much as he needs some runs.

In his very English way, Reiffel moved the ball around at a fullish length, making the batsman play at virtually everything, and took the last five wickets. If he was originally left out of the touring party because of concerns about his fitness, there have been no disconcerting signs thus far. On a warm day, on which he was assisted only by some low bounce, he never looked other than a classy bowler.

Glamorgan are the county championship leaders, and decidedly so, but that was not always apparent here. Only James batted for any length of time. The Editor of *Wisden* believes that the description of a team's performance as "lack-lustre" is a quaint part of cricketing terminology, and he is probably right. That, though, was exactly what Glamorgan's batting was, in front of another excellent crowd at Sophia Gardens.

They were unfortunate over one particular dismissal. James and Morris constitute the best opening pair in the country at present and their partnership yesterday looked likely to become their fifth of a century or more this summer. They had made 88 when Morris, who had struggled to compile 13, was leg-before attempting to pull a ball that looked to be high and wide of leg stump.

This was off Bevan, who was given a considerable amount of bowling in case, no doubt, he does retain his place for the fourth Test next week. Two balls later, Dale drove him to mid-off, where Blewett held a stunning, left-handed diving catch. Bevan added a third wicket, and a significant one, when James pulled a short ball to mid-on. It was a surprisingly tame end to more than three hours of resolute concentration. He is 15 runs short of becoming the first batsman to reach a thousand runs this summer.

HUW EVANS

James, the Glamorgan opener, gets to grips with the Australian bowling

Reiffel then took the remaining five wickets. Butcher was caught at short mid-on and Thomas at first slip off one that lifted. Metson, accorded a generous reception on his first appearance of the season, played down the wrong line, Cosker was yorked and the best ball of all cut across Cottey, having him caught at the wicket. In the pale evening sunshine, Reiffel showed that he can bat a bit, too.

With the Test match in mind, the Australians mixed up their batting order. The experiment did not come off. Langer, Slater and Bevan, all of whom Taylor had wanted to have lengthy innings, managed 18 runs between them. Langer's dismissal, for a batsman looking to play at Headingley, was particularly cruel. He swivelled as he swung at Parkin and dislodged a bail in so doing.

Parkin, who is Watkin's understudy, is on the quicker side of medium. When he caught Julian in his follow through and had Berry taken at the wicket, he had three wickets in 20 balls. The Australians were then 42 for five but, given that they had a first-innings lead of 115, it was of no great concern. Glamorgan will be left with runs to chase today and, such are Maynard's attacking inclinations, that he will not desist from going for them.

Elahi helps Pakistan feel right at home

By John Thicknesse

WORCESTER (second day of three): Worcestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 189 runs behind Pakistan A

SHOWN the way by Salim Elahi, who stretched his maiden first-class hundred into 229, Pakistan A turned their 166 for three on Wednesday into 489 for nine declared at Worcester, patiently building a lead of 224 on the type of true and paceless pitch on which they play at home.

When Solanki, riding his luck, survived 11 overs to the close with Weston, a draw was by a distance the likeliest result, today being the last day. As preparation for any Test cricket that lies ahead of the young touring party, however, their approach was as good a way as any of learning how to try to win in conditions loaded in favour of the bat.

Elahi, 20, opened with Aamir Sohail in two Tests on Pakistan's tour of Australia in 1995-96, falling cheaply to McDermott and McGrath.

Against a Worcestershire attack lacking Newport, Illingworth and Lampitt, however, the nearest he came to getting out in 451 minutes came at 93, when Hick got the tip of a finger to a slash off Sheriyar that raced for four, and at 192, when a miscued, forcing stroke against an off break from Solanki fell just out of Weston's reach.

Built on roughly the same lines as Salim Malik, Elahi missed next to nothing on his legs and also plundered the 55-yard pavilion boundary through the covers and third man.

A long-on six and a textbook late cut in successive overs from Solanki were illustrations of his range. He was eighth out at 452, caught off a tired slice a few yards inside the deep point boundary 20 minutes before the declaration, having hit two sixes and 35 fours off 335 balls.

Doggedly as Worcestershire stuck to an uphill task, there was so little for them in the pitch that misplayed attacking strokes were needed to end stands of 115, 111 and 120 for successive wickets.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series
Glamorgan v Australians

CARDIFF (second day of three): The Australians, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 215 runs ahead of Glamorgan

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings 369 for 4 dec (R T Ponting 126 not out, M A Taylor 71, G S Blewett 54, J L Langer 50 not out)

Second Innings

M J Slater lbw b Thomas	7
J L Langer b Parkin	10
M G Bevan c Metson b Thomas	1
B P Julian c and b Parkin	12
†D S Berry c Metson b Parkin	9
P R Reiffel not out	35
M T G Elliott not out	22
Extras (b 1, lb 3)	4
Total (5 wkts)	100

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-18, 3-26, 4-37, 5-42

BOWLING: Thomas 9-3-17-2; Parkin 10-2-25-3; Cosker 6-2-13-0; Butcher 4-1-10-0; Dale 4-1-14-0; Maynard 4-0-17-0

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Kasprowicz b Bevan	91
H Morris lbw b Bevan	13
A Dale c Blewett b Bevan	0
*M P Maynard c Berry b Kasprowicz	19
M J Powell lbw b Kasprowicz	24
G P Butcher c Blewett b Reiffel	23
P A Cottey c Berry b Reiffel	22
S D Thomas c Taylor b Reiffel	10
†C P Metson b Reiffel	0
D A Cosker b Reiffel	2
O T Parkin not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 17, w 5, nb 24)	50
Total	254

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-88, 3-127, 4-178, 5-182, 6-218, 7-233, 8-237, 9-249

BOWLING: Reiffel 18.3-5-61-5; Kasprowicz 18-5-56-2; Bevan 20-2-73-3; Julian 9-2-34-0; Ponting 3-0-9-0

Umpires: J C Balderstone and T E Jesty

Tour match
Worcestershire v Pakistan A

WORCESTER (second day of three): Worcestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 189 runs behind Pakistan A

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 265 (G R Haynes 65, G A Hick 55, Ali Husain Rizvi 5 for 68)

Second Innings

V S Solanki not out	21
W P C Weston not out	9
Extras (b 4, lb 1)	5
Total (no wkt)	35

BOWLING: Shoaib Akhtar 6-2-7-0; Abdul Razzak 2-0-15-0; Azhar Mahmood 2-0-8-0

PAKISTAN A: First Innings

Ali Naqvi lbw b Sheriyar	36
Salim Elahi c Leatherdale b Rawnsley	229
Mujahid Jamshed lbw b Sheriyar	4
Rana Qayyum lbw b Mirza	12
Farhan Adil c Weston b Sheriyar	50
†Javed Qadeer st Dawood b Rawnsley	40
*Mohammad Wasim c Solanki b Mirza	64
Azhar Mahmood c Dawood b Mirza	9
Abdul Razzak not out	36
Ali Husain Rizvi st Dawood b Rawnsley	1
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 3)	8
Total (9 wkts dec)	489

Shoaib Akhtar did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-66, 3-99, 4-208, 5-319, 6-439, 7-452, 8-452, 9-489

BOWLING: Sheriyar 17-0-80-3; Thomas 17-2-67-0; Mirza 27-2-136-3; Leatherdale 17-2-53-0; Rawnsley 31.4-10-67-3; Solanki 13-3-61-0

Umpires: J D Bond and N A Mallender

Britannic Assurance county championship
Gloucestershire v Derbyshire

CHELTENHAM (second day of four): Derbyshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 190 runs behind Gloucestershire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 120 (K J Barnett 58; A M Smith 6 for 47)

Second Innings

A S Rollins c Lynch b Alleyne	44
M R May lbw b Smith	46
C J Adams c Russell b Alleyne	0
K J Barnett not out	51
M J Vandrau not out	33
Total (3 wkts)	174

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-73, 3-119

BOWLING: Smith 13-2-38-1; Lewis 11-1-35-0; Alleyne 9-2-44-2; Young 4-1-12-0; Ball 16-3-33-0; Trainor 1-0-4-0; Hancock 1-0-8-0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright c Adams b Malcolm	2
N J Trainor c Krikken b Malcolm	0
T H C Hancock c Rollins b DeFreitas	54
M A Lynch c Dean b Malcolm	8
S Young lbw b DeFreitas	237
*M W Alleyne c Adams b DeFreitas	97
†R C Russell c Krikken b Harris	24
R I Dawson c Krikken b Harris	0
M C J Ball c Krikken b Harris	30
A M Smith b Malcolm	1
J Lewis not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 22)	31
Total (114.3 overs)	484

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-2, 3-16, 4-155, 5-399, 6-434, 7-439, 8-463, 9-484

BOWLING: Malcolm 29.3-2-102-4; Dean 17-1-73-0; DeFreitas 28-5-99-3; Harris 21-4-124-3; Vandrau 7-1-17-0; Clarke 10-1-60-0

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 8, Derbyshire 4

Umpires: D R Shepherd and J F Steele

Kent v Leicestershire

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Kent have scored 498 for nine wickets against Leicestershire

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton lbw b Mullally	26
E T Smith c Nixon b Ormond	31
T R Ward c and b Pierson	51
A P Wells c Nixon b Ormond	5
N J Llong lbw b Ormond	0
M A Ealham b Ormond	139
M V Fleming c Nixon b Pierson	16
P A Strang b Millns	82
*†S A Marsh not out	98
J B D Thompson b Ormond	0
M J McCague not out	14
Extras (b 9, lb 12, w 8, nb 6)	36
Total (9 wkts)	498

Score at 120 overs: 384-7

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-71, 3-108, 4-108, 5-126, 6-162, 7-307, 8-453, 9-453

BOWLING: Millns 29-5-106-1; Mullally 30-5-116-1; Ormond 28-4-107-5; Pierson 30-11-79-2; Johnson 20-6-50-0; Wells 3-0-14-0

LEICESTERSHIRE: V J Wells, D L Maddy, I J Sutcliffe, *J J Whitaker, N C Johnson, B F Smith, †P A Nixon, A R K Pierson, D J Millns, A D Mullally, J Ormond

Bonus points: Kent 4, Leicestershire 3

Umpires: K E Palmer and B J Meyer

Lancashire v Sussex

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Sussex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 405 runs behind Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

M A Atherton lbw b Kirtley	53
J E R Gallian b Robinson	26
J P Crawley c Moores b Robinson	112
N H Fairbrother c Greenfield b Kirtley	132
G D Lloyd c Athey b Robinson	3
*M Watkinson lbw b Jarvis	75
I D Austin not out	78
†W K Hegg lbw b Drakes	9
G Yates b Jarvis	6
P J Martin not out	37
Extras (lb 15, w 2, nb 32)	49
Total (8 wkts dec)	561

Score at 120 overs: 468-6

D J Shadford did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-107, 3-310, 4-334, 5-338, 6-457, 7-486, 8-499

BOWLING: Drakes 30-6-114-1; Jarvis 28-2-104-2; Robinson 32-4-142-3; Kirtley 30-6-125-2; Newell 8-1-25-0; Greenfield 4-1-19-0; Rao 7-1-18-0

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham lbw b Martin	5
R K Rao lbw b Martin	18
N R Taylor c Shadford b Yates	82
C W J Athey c Fairbrother b Austin	6
K Greenfield b Austin	0
K Newell not out	21
*†P Moores not out	4
Extras (b 9, lb 7, nb 4)	20
Total (5 wkts, 52.3 overs)	156

V C Drakes, P W Jarvis, M A Robinson and R J Kirtley to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-41, 3-65, 4-65, 5-137

BOWLING: Shadford 12.3-1-37-0; Martin 15-6-33-2; Austin 8-1-28-2; Watkinson 6-1-19-0; Yates 11-4-23-1

Bonus points: Lancashire 6, Sussex 2

Umpires: D J Constant and R Julian

Northamptonshire v Essex

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 103 runs ahead of Essex

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R J Warren c Rollins b D R Law	26
D J Roberts b Grayson	117
*R J Bailey c Rollins b D R Law	0
M B Love c Williams b Cowan	32
K M Curran b Cowan	36
D J G Sales lbw b Such	31
J N Snape c D R Law b Grayson	23
†D Ripley not out	39
J P Taylor b Grayson	1
M Akram lbw b Grayson	[illegible]
S A J Boswell c Hussain b Cowan	29
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 17)	24
Total (114 overs)	364

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-55, 3-100, 4-155, 5-224, 6-261, 7-282, 8-284, 9-294

BOWLING: Cowan 24-5-98-3; Williams 19-4-58-0; D R Law 25-5-70-2; Irani 16-4-37-0; Such 13-3-41-1; Grayson 19-6-53-4

Second Innings

D J Roberts not out	0
R J Warren not out	12
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (no wkt)	14

BOWLING: Cowan 4-2-7-0; Williams 5-3-7-0; Such 2-2-0-0

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch lbw b Akram	24
*P J Prichard c Ripley b Curran	50
N Hussain c Bailey b Curran	77
S G Law c and b Akram	14
R C Irani c Warren b Taylor	18
A P Grayson c and b Boswell	3
D R Law c Warren b Snape	33
†R J Rollins c Bailey b Akram	2
A P Cowan c Ripley b Curran	23
N F Williams not out	6
P M Such b Curran	0
Extras (lb 5, w 8, nb 12)	25
Total (67.2 overs)	275

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-94, 3-123, 4-160, 5-167, 6-212, 7-217, 8-256, 9-271

BOWLING: Akram 19-2-81-3; Taylor 19-3-82-1; Boswell 14-0-41-1; Curran 11.2-2-32-4; Snape 3-0-23-1; Sales 1-0-1-0

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 8, Essex 6

Umpires: J H Hampshire and P Willey

Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Nottinghamshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 251 runs behind Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

*A J Moles lbw b Oram	10
M A Wagh c Archer b Franks	25
D L Hemp c Archer b Tolley	70
D P Ostler c Franks b Tolley	65
T L Penney c Noon b Franks	25
D R Brown b Franks	0
G Welch b Franks	0
A F Giles c Tolley b Oram	42
†T Frost c Dowman b Tolley	6
A A Donald not out	22
M A V Bell lbw b Tolley	30
Extras (b 7, lb 10, w 14, nb 8)	39
Total (111 overs)	344

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-98, 3-160, 4-225, 5-225, 6-225, 7-265, 8-275, 9-293

BOWLING: Franks 25-7-84-4; Oram 25-4-81-2; Tolley 33-10-92-4; Astle 18-4-47-0; Dowman 5-1-12-0; Afzaal 5-3-11-0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Ostler b Brown	29
R T Robinson lbw b Brown	10
*P Johnson lbw b Brown	2
N J Astle b Welch	11
G F Archer c Frost b Welch	3
U Afzaal c Frost b Donald	5
M P Dowman not out	7
C M Tolley c Penney b Brown	0
†W M Noon not out	10
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 4, nb 4)	16
Total (7 wkts, 43 overs)	93

P J Franks and A R Oram to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-34, 3-53, 4-61, 5-69, 6-79, 7-79

BOWLING: Donald 10-2-37-1; Brown 16-9-21-4; Welch 8-3-19-2; Bell 6-2-7-0; Giles 1-1-0-0

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 4, Warwickshire 6

Umpires: J A Holder and B Leadbeater

Yorkshire v Durham

SCARBOROUGH (second day of four): Durham, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 159 runs behind Yorkshire

DURHAM: First Innings 152 (J J B Lewis 50; D Gough 4 for 37)

Second Innings

J J B Lewis b Silverwood	4
M J Foster c Blakey b Gough	14
J E Morris c White b Gough	17
N J Speak c White b Hartley	13
*D C Boon c Blakey b Silverwood	9
†M P Speight not out	2
M M Betts not out	0
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (5 wkts)	61

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-29, 3-44, 4-48, 5-61

BOWLING: Gough 8-1-27-2; Silverwood 7-3-18-2; Hartley 8-5-14-1; Stemp 3-3-0-0

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon c Speight b Betts	3
A McGrath c Speight b Walker	57
*D Byas b Walker	48
D S Lehmann b Foster	86
C White c Lewis b Brown	31
B Parker not out	74
†R J Blakey c Speight b Foster	11
P J Hartley c Speak b Boiling	2
D Gough b Boiling	34
C E W Silverwood run out	15
R D Stemp c Boiling b Betts	0
Extras (b 4, lb 7)	11
Total (104.1 overs)	372

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-97, 3-147, 4-232, 5-232, 6-270, 7-273, 8-317, 9-369

BOWLING: Brown 23-5-70-1; Betts 10.1-1-58-2; Walker 26-5-97-2; Foster 26-3-78-2; Boiling 19-3-58-2

Bonus points: Yorkshire 8, Durham 4

Umpires: J H Harris and G Sharp

Nottinghamshire find little respite

By Michael Henderson

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Nottinghamshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 251 runs behind Warwickshire

LITTLE has gone right for Nottinghamshire since they won the toss. Warwickshire batted diligently, to the extent of making 51 runs for the last wicket, and then took seven wickets before rain managed to do what fading light could not and force the batsmen from the field.

In all, 51 overs were lost in the day, 43 of them to overnight rain. When Warwickshire finally resumed their innings after lunch, Bell and Donald took the score to 344, and that total appeared more than respectable when they started bowling.

Brown, who is looking ever more a handy all-rounder, made a preliminary incision when he had Robinson and Johnson leg-before. Welch then added a thrust of his own, bowling Astle as he tried to withdraw his bat and taking the edge of Archer's bat.

Donald gained several moral victories before Afzaal tickled another catch to Frost. Then Brown, in his second spell from the Pavilion End, ended Pollard's innings when Ostler held a good catch at second slip and, two balls later, persuaded Tolley to steer one to Penney at third. Brief as it was, the shower that followed left the outfield sopping wet and made the covering facilities of this Test-match ground look primitive.

Tickets for the first four days of the fifth Test have already gone, but interest in championship cricket in Nottingham is limited. The local paper last night carried not a word of the first day's play, when Paul Franks became the youngest player in the club's history to take a hat-trick.

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Rob Hughes joins the 'dew-sweepers' searching for morning glory at the 126th Open

Tiger's gallant advance guard earn their stripes

It is not yet 6am and a wicked wind, gusting to 25mph, is sweeping off the Firth of Clyde. A lone jogger is running into the teeth of that wind along the shoreline; more to the point, a solitary golfer is out on the links, already hitting ball after ball, preparing himself, physically and mentally.

Shaun Webster, 20, an amateur, has the privilege — the mixed blessing — of hitting the first ball of the 126th Open Championship, the seventh to be played on this capricious Ayrshire coast. He is nervous and expectant and he knows enough about life, enough about golf, to suspect that in this wind the course will demand respect even from the greats, or will strip away the self-respect of those who do not come in the right frame of mind.

He strikes balls on the driving range for 40 minutes then putts for 20 and, bright and early, walks to the first tee by seven o'clock. "It didn't really occur to me that this was such a big thing until I saw 200 people sitting there," he said. "Obviously they thought it was quite important and it gave me a few butterflies, but if my drive didn't come straight out of the middle of the club, at least I hit it down the middle of the fairway."

Indeed, he did. Webster was, over the next 4¼ hours, to hold his own in company with the beefy and appreciably gifted Argentinian, Angel Cabrera, and the 22-year-old from Swindon, David Howell. Those first off the tee so early on the first morning are known as the "dew-sweepers", the pathfinders who can set the tempo for 156 of the world's finest exponents.

"Good morning, ladies and gentleman. May I welcome you to the 126th Open golf tournament," Ivor Robson, the starter, immaculate in his powder blue blazer and his precision, announced. The clock behind the tee struck 7.15am. Robson called: "This is game No 1. On the tee, Shaun Webster." With that, we were off, a tournament that embraces multimillionaires, that totals £1.6 million in prize-money and that will offer Webster not a bean. Cabrera, though, is certainly after the cash. He has two young mouths to feed, he smites the ball an awfully long way, with a low trajectory and, in registering a first round of 70, one under par, Cabrera was, indeed, to set the pace for the bigger names that follow.

With the wind at their backs, they left that first, narrow fairway and left virtually the entire complement of early-bird fanatics huddled together for warmth behind them. There was no one around the corner: the grandstands, later to overflow for Tiger Woods, were like skeletons, the BBC television cameras hidden beneath green tarpaulins. The sea to the right was grey and inhospitable, the sky above a patchwork of heavy grey clouds. And that wind kept coming, kept changing the skyline, and kept those on the virgin turf moving at their briskest pace.

It is a strange, compact course, bordered to one side by water, to the other by a busy railway line. With Prestwick airport beyond the 9th hole, the golfers were becoming surrounded by the distracting noises of land and sea and air.

CHRIS BACON

Webster clocks on at Royal Troon yesterday and sets the championship in motion

And with no trees on the course — the sandy soil deprives Troon of those — it was indeed a bleak early morning.

Cabrera, swinging freely with the wind, was the first to find length, hitting a mighty three-wood on the 557-yard 4th hole and then, at the even longer 6th, producing a drive of 369 yards, the longest of the day until Woods drove 435 yards at the 4th. Howell was first to find the hazards, dropping into a burn at the 3rd, wiping out his excellent start of two birdies with a six, visiting bunkers and gorse.

Webster, so new to this monied level that he does not yet wear a sponsor's cap, was being caddied by his father, Paul. Shaun Webster, a golfer since he was seven, was demonstrating ample power with his driver, good control with his irons and, on the outward nine, solid putting. He reached the turn in 36, one stroke more than Cabrera, one fewer than Howell.

However, the turn, as later exponents as experienced as Tom Watson and Greg Norman were to concede, was vicious. "It was like playing two different golf courses, downwind and then back into the wind," Norman said. "You've got to use every aspect of your game in conditions like these. You've got to sense it, feel it, be as near faultless as you can."

Excusably, therefore, Webster, the rookie, immediately found that the homeward half required a different application, a different strength. He took a double-bogey six at the 10th and was to bogey three more holes, but also to claim a birdie at the 14th to finish with an acceptable 75, one stroke fewer than Colin Montgomerie. Howell, steady but never able to regather lost ground, also finished on 75, but Cabrera was away from both of them.

This Argentinian, from Córdoba, was also experiencing his first Open in Britain. "I like this course, though I think I play better on normal courses," he said. "I was pleased, especially with my putting. I was pleased with everything, apart from the 13th."

This was where the test of all Scotland's guests might be measured. Cabrera, until then almost serene as he smiled at babies and watched bemused as a swallow playfully followed the flight of his putts, lost concentration. "I had a bad drive and a bad chip," he said. A bad putt, too, for he missed from two feet.

He and his two young English escorts had christened the 1997 Open. Then Webster, such an unassuming and pleasant young man from Ifield, near Crawley, was almost swept aside as a posse of television cameramen backpedalled towards him. Their interest? Of course, Tiger Woods, little more than a year the senior of England's debutant.

Knowing Norman shows elements enough respect

By Mel Webb

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP '97

ALMOST without exception, the best players in the world have come to Royal Troon this week hoping for the wind to blow, and blow hard. Those who have respect for the game know that the elements play a huge part in Open Championship history: it is not what it should be if the wind and the rain stay away.

It sounds all very altruistic, does it not? Nobody is bigger than the game and the great courses on which it is played, all that stuff. Well done, chaps, we're proud of you for putting the traditions of golf first. Get thee behind me, thou birdie-packed round, for thou art the instrument of the devil.

Unfortunately, it is not quite that simple, or unselfish for that matter. Because the second, latter, but probably more crucial reason why a howling gale is hoped for by the great and the good is their very greatness and goodness.

The better player you are, the better you are likely to play in all conditions. By and large, an Open Championship course without at least an enthusiastic breeze, but preferably a howling gale, is a dowager lady waiting to be robbed of her jewels.

Whip up even half a storm, however, and the feisty old girl tightens her girdle and beats off attempted muggers from all points of the compass, except those armed with the unanswerable heavy weapons of talent and imagination.

Given that, nobody should be too surprised that Greg Norman produced one of the best rounds of the first day in a 30mph wind yesterday. It was the first competitive round that he had played at Royal Troon since he broke the course record, with a 64, on the final day of the 1989 Open. That was a shining, spectacular and breathtaking performance — but, when placed in context, it was little better than the score with which he graced the championship yesterday.

A 69 it was, a classical round of golf in classical Open weather. Norman has been brimming over with Great White Sharkness in practice, and he needed every last drop of it on this day.

He knew, as did everybody else in the field or in the know, that a score that would stand up to scrutiny at the end of the day would have to be assembled on the front nine. The prevailing wind comes from the northwest and only one hole, the 126-yard 8th — the Postage Stamp — is played against it going out.

Conversely, only one hole, the 12th, is played with it coming back. You want a score at Royal Troon? You had better accept, then, that you will have to make it on your way out, for the second you turn for home, it is tough, in bold type and with an exclamation mark.

Norman knew it, so he did it; simple as that. He birdied the 3rd from 18 feet, then chipped from the back of the green to two feet and made the putt on the 4th. He dropped a shot on the 5th, where he took two putts from five feet, but birdied the 7th after a delicious running chip that hugged the ground like a gundog's nose.

He birdied the 9th, as well — a four-iron for safety, a nine-iron from the semi-rough and a six-foot putt. Out in 32, four under par. Now for the nasty bit. If ever there was a moment when Norman needed to gird his loins, this was it; it is pleasing to report that golfing loins can hardly have been girded better.

Lee Westwood, one of his playing partners and the best young player in Britain, let a bright start drift away around the turn and was given something of a masterclass by Norman in the artful skills of defensive golf over the closing stretch. It was impressive stuff, every bit as interesting as witnessing a glut of birdies.

Norman dropped just two shots to par over those nine holes, one on the 13th, a brute of a par four, 431 yards of peril played into the face of the gale, and the other, less explicably, on the home hole, when he chipped then took two putts from ten feet.

And then it was all over. Time for a nice cup of tea, time to reflect on a job well done. Norman said that it was not possible to win the Open on the first day, but you could sure as heck throw it away. Not an original thought, but true nonetheless. Yesterday, he did not throw it away; now for the winning of it.

MARC ASPLAND

Norman on his way to a two-under-par 69 yesterday

Dejected, Montgomerie trudges through the long grass, contemplating his first round of 76 yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Accuracy deserts jinxed Montgomerie

John Hopkins follows the sorry progress of the local hero who seems unable to break the cycle of poor first rounds in the Open

Colin Montgomerie's first-round jinx in the Open Championship has struck once more. Why can't he do well in an Open? He has nearly won two US Opens and a US PGA Championship. What is it that causes him so much difficulty in the Open on this side of the Atlantic?

The man who had never before had a first round of less than 70 in an Open had no difficulty in maintaining this sequence yesterday. A 76 equalled his worst opening score in an Open since he made his first appearance, at St Andrews in 1990. It matched his five-over-par 76 in the first round at Muirfield in 1992.

Question: who was the golfer who was so accurate in the final of the Andersen Consulting tournament in mid-May that he made Costantino Rocca, his opponent, look second-rate? Who was the man who played so beautifully to win the Compaq European Grand Prix at Slaley Hall two weeks later?

And that blond-headed fellow who clung like a leech to the leaders at the US Open before making a mistake on the 71st hole, who was that? Was he any relation to the man who scorched around Druids Glen in 62, nine under par just 11 days ago?

The answer, of course, is Montgomerie, but you would not have known it had you watched him yesterday. Montgomerie's game is built on accuracy. He is considered to be one of the straightest drivers in the world. Yesterday he was one of the wildest. It did not matter whether he was using a driver or three-wood, a three or five-iron; when he hit from a tee, his ball ended in the rough. In all he missed the fairway on 11 holes.

Montgomerie had to hole a five-foot putt on the 11th to avoid a fifth successive bogey. He then had three more in the next four holes and it took a brilliant bunker shot on the 18th, in full view of the members of Royal Troon, for him not to finish with what would have been his eighth bogey of the day.

There were mitigating circumstances for Montgomerie, who showed some newfound maturity in the way that he kept his head. A year ago he could not have done this. He fussed and fretted about photographers, intrusive spectators and goodness knows what else last year at Royal Lytham. This year, by contrast, he maintained a tight rein on his temper. Even when he drove onto a path across the 18th fairway and found himself in the lenses of some photographers, he shooed them away with something approaching good grace. "Out of the way, lads," Montgomerie said. "Come on. You've done well so far."

The wind turned the homeward nine into something approaching a route march. The par of 35 was all but unattainable. When Tom Watson, one of Montgomerie's playing partners, made a par coming home he regarded it as a birdie. Only the 12th was not into the wind and that was no consolation to Montgomerie. He drove into the rough from the tee and then hit an approach that was pulled left into a bank. His ball was surrounded by grass cuttings and he tried, vainly, to get a drop from a rules official.

"I hit only three fairways," Montgomerie said, looking suitably shamefaced. "I can't remember the last time that happened. It was a very, very long time ago."

Montgomerie is far from out of the championship, but he needs an outstanding round today to claw his way back into it. Rounds of 76 and worse are not unknown to him because he had a 76 in the second round at the US Open last month and an 81 in the final round at the Masters in April. Today, though, will be as much a test of his courage as his skill.

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67: J Furyk (US), D Clarke

69: G Norman (Aus), F Couples (US), J Leonard (US)

70: A Cabrera (Arg), D Love (US), A Magee (US), J Parnevik (Swe)

71: I Woosnam, T Watson (US), D Tapping, C Strange (US)

72: T Purtzer (US), P Lonard (Aus), S Stricker (US), P-U Johansson (Swe), R Russell, T Kite (US), B Andrade (US), M Bradley (US), J Lomas, T Woods (US), B Langer (Ger)

73: S McCarron (US), * C Watson, L Westwood, J Nicklaus (US), P Stewart (US), M O'Meara (US), M Wiebe (US)

74: M Calcavecchia (US), E Romero (Arg), S Maruyama (Japan), S Ames (Trin), W Riley (Aus), G Clark, F Nobilo (NZ), T Lehman (US).

75: * S Webster, D Howell, R Boxall, W Westner (SA), B Watts (US), R Goosen (SA), J M Olazábal (Sp), P Broadhurst, D A Russell, E Els (SA), C Rocca (It), P Harrington, P Mitchell

76: P Blackmar (US), P McGinley, J Maggert (US), A Coltart, D Robertson, R Allenby (Aus), C Montgomerie, T Bjorn (Den), J Cook (US), J Ozaki (Japan), L Roberts (US), P Senior (Aus), J Coceres (Arg), R Karlsson (Swe), T Gogele (Ger), J Kernohan (US), A Crerar, G Orr, S Jones (US), M James, S Elkington (Aus)

77: J van de Velde (Fr), S Ballesteros (Sp), B Faxon (US), V Singh (Fiji)

78: J Spence, S Torrance, M McNulty (Zim), A Lyle, B Tway (US), P Hinton, W Bladon, D Hart (US), C Pavin (US), L Janzen (US), M Long (NZ), C Stadler (US).

79: H Miyase (Japan), R Claydon, M Roe, P Curry, S Bottomley, J Remesy (Fr), P Haugsrud (Nor), * S Young, I Garrido (Sp), C Parry (Aus), M A Martin (Sp)

80: P Stankowski (US), S Mori (Japan), R McFarlane, K Duke (US), A Sandywell, V Phillips, C Perry (US), P Green (Aus), M Brooks (US)

81: * Y Taylor, G Ghei (India), D Frost (SA)

84: B McGovern, Y Kaneko (Japan)

85: N Sato (Japan)

87: D Edlund (Swe).

92: I Baker-Finch (Aus)

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TODAY'S TEE-OFF TIMES

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

07.15: W Bladon, A Crerar, P Haugsrud (Nor)
07.25: * S Young, G Orr, D A Russell
07.35: D Hart (US), I Garrido (Sp), M Bradley (US)
07.45: C Strange (US), J Lomas, E Els (SA)
07.55: D Edlund (Swe), J Furyk (US), Y Kaneko (Japan)
08.05: D Clarke, S Jones (US), F Nobilo (NZ)
08.15: M James, M Wiebe (US), C Pavin (US)
08.25: C Rocca (It), L Janzen (US), M Long (NZ)
08.35: B Faxon (US), J Parnevik (Swe), R Green (Aus)
08.45: T Woods (US), B Langer (Ger), S Elkington (Aus)
08.55: P Harrington, M Brooks (US), C Parry (Aus)
09.05: M A Martin (Sp), T Lehman (US), V Singh (Fiji)
09.15: P Mitchell, C Stadler (US), D Frost (SA)
09.25: P Azinger (US), * D Olsson (Swe), G Player (SA)
09.35: N Faldo, T Tolles (US), N Price (Zim)
09.45: M A Jiménez (Sp), D Duval (US), G Turner (NZ)
09.55: P Hedblom (Swe), J Haas (US), Kim Jong-duck (S Kor)
10.05: A Cejka (Ger), P Mickelson (US), S Appleby (Aus)
10.15: R Damron (US), P Baker, R Davis (Aus)
10.25: P O'Malley (Aus), * B Howard, J Payne
10.35: G Brand Jr, G Day (US), C Mason
10.45: P Fulke (Swe), J Kelly, * J Miller
10.55: M Bradley, P Teravainen (US), S Dunlap (US)
11.05: M Miller, G Murphy, M Mamat (Sing)
11.15: L Batchelor, K Eriksson (Swe), C Clark
11.25: R Jacquelin (Fr), G Dodd (Aus), J Steenkamer (Hol)
11.35: * S Webster, A Cabrera (Arg), D Howell
11.45: T Purtzer (US), R Boxall, W Westner (SA)
11.55: P Blackmar (US), J Spence, S McCarron (US)
12.05: N Sato (Japan), P McGinley, B Watts (US)
12.15: R Goosen (SA), S Torrance, P Stankowski (US)
12.25: P Lonard (Aus), * C Watson, J Maggert (US)
12.35: L Westwood, S Stricker (US), G Norman (Aus)
12.45: P-U Johansson (Swe), S Mori (Japan), J Nicklaus (US)
12.55: C Montgomerie, T Watson (US), M McNulty (Zim)
13.05: R Russell, F Couples (US), E Romero (Arg)
13.15: A Coltart, M Calcavecchia (US), D Robertson
13.25: I Woosnam, R Allenby (Aus), P Stewart (US)
13.35: M O'Meara (US), S Maruyama (Japan), A Lyle
13.45: T Bjorn (Den), J Cook (US), S Ames (Trin)
13.55: J M Olazábal (Sp), T Kite (US), N Ozaki (Japan)
14.05: P Broadhurst, J Leonard (US), W Riley (Aus)
14.15: J van de Velde (Fr), L Roberts (US), P Senior (Aus)
14.25: D Love (US), S Ballesteros (Sp), H Miyase (Japan)
14.35: R Claydon, B Tway (US)
14.45: R McFarlane, W Andrade (US), M Roe
14.55: A Magee (US), P Curry, J Coceres (Arg)
15.05: K Duke (US), S Bottomley, * Y Taylor (US)
15.15: A Sandywell, G Clark, B McGovern
15.25: J Remesy (Fr), V Phillips, D Tapping
15.35: R Karlsson (Swe), T Gogele (Ger), C Perry (US)
15.45: J Kernohan (US), G Ghei (India), P Hinton

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The unbearable politeness of being a fan

LYNNE TRUSS

Kicking and Screaming

There is a rather disturbing image that people keep using about Tiger Woods: The Pied Piper, they call him. I think it is supposed to be a compliment to his charisma — but it's odd when you consider what the Pied Piper did to all those kiddies in that very grim poem.

If memory serves, the kiddies were led over hill and dale and then never heard of again. Since "juveniles" were famously let in free at Royal Troon yesterday, to encourage adoration of their role model, perhaps the Hamelin analogy should be dropped in the interests of good taste. But it's undeniable that people just follow him around — and I don't mean those famous stone-faced bodyguards with their martial arts, coiled-spring crouch.

Following people around is what you do at golf tournaments. It leaves you pink of face and aching of calf but, if it's four miles, it's four miles, and that's that. It is not the only option, however. Oh no.

This being my first golf event, I have arrived unaided at the conclusion that you can either a) sit still in a nice grandstand beside the 14th green and let the golf go past, thus clocking every player of the day; or b) wear yourself to a pink-faced frazzle following just one threesome over hill, tussock and glen, occasionally stopping at the back of the throng to gaze hopelessly at the back of people's heads and curse the invention of the stepladder.

The right answer to this choice is a), obviously. How I came to choose b) is a mystery to me still, but there you go.

Woods emerged from the clubhouse to remarkably little hoo-ha yesterday at 12.45. His fans stood in silent admiration as he practised putting and were reprimanded for taking unlicensed snaps. Nobody whistled or called; having heard so much about rowdy crowd behaviour surrounding Woods in the United States, I found myself suppressing an out-of-place "Ooh" when a 20-yarder skimmed the hole, because I found I was oohing alone.

To be honest, seeing Tiger Woods in the flesh was a bit much for me, really. It was a pearl of infinite price for a toddler who is happy with beads on elastic. The truth is, I am in love with the golf swing, and there's not a chap in this championship whose follow-through does not leave me gasping in admiration at its sheer beauty.

"Whap!" goes the tee-shot, and I let out a little orgasmic yelp, every time. On Wednesday, I saw Phil Mickelson idly whapping on the driving range and was so excited by his perfect, beautiful swing (and left-handed! Think of that!) that I nearly passed out. Non-golfing friends are apt to laugh at this little weakness of mine. But, with a faraway look, I describe the exquisite, graceful final position (the weight on the left foot, the right knee resting across the left) and I tell them that, if Michelangelo were alive today, he would be hanging around golf clubs with a big block of marble and a mallet.

But Woods is a phenomenon. Yesterday, finishing one over par, he played his usual astonishingly long tee-shots (presumably with the nine-iron or the sand-wedge), which meant that the crowd had to guess where his shots ought to land, and then walk an extra 150 yards, just to be on the safe side. But his main thing is his aura of greatness, which is why golf-loving folk run after him, carting stepladders. The number of privately-owned ladders at the Open yesterday made an impression on me, as you can tell. Only in mime from Eastern Europe have ladders featured so heavily in a cultural experience.

Tigermania may be a big thing to hit golf but, to be honest, it should still not be confused with Henmania or other kinds of sports mania that involve a lot of shouting, rhythmic clapping or Mexican waves. Golf is a strictly regulated world, in which women are removed by force from seating areas and fans are told off for using a camera.

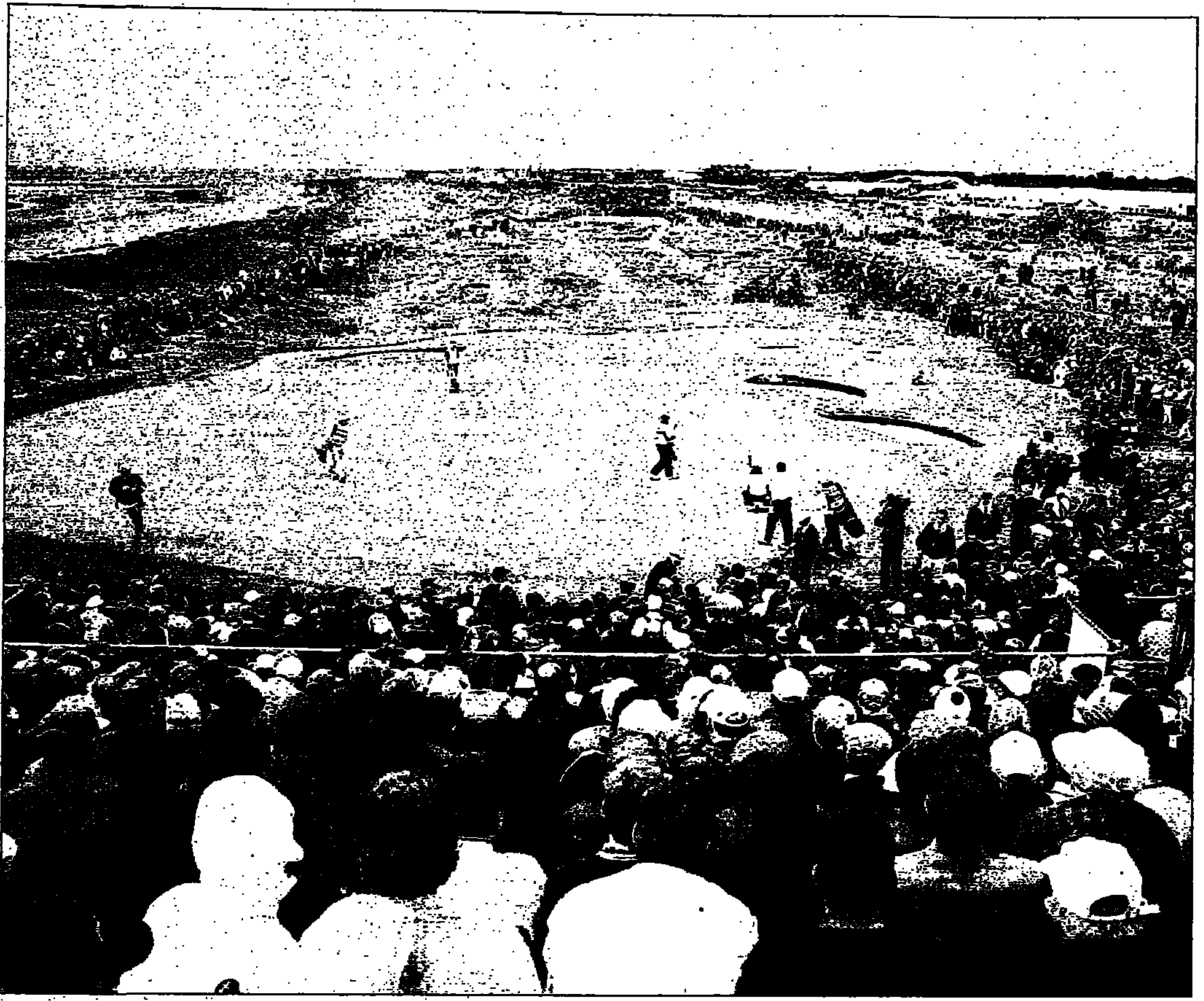
Between shots, and between holes, the crowds surge quietly and efficiently from one vantage point to the next, like children doing a fire drill at school. The nearest the Woods fans got to bad behaviour in his first round yesterday was walking away from the 5th green before his playing partner, Bernhard Langer, had completed the hole. It was *very* shocking.

Personally, because I'm not pushy enough, I saw very little of Woods's game first-hand yesterday. I got hold of the erroneous idea that I could stay one step ahead of the mob: when he was driving, I would make for the green; when he was putting, I would make for the mid-point of the next fairway.

This was a mere demonstration of hope triumphing over experience, however. Whether to buy my own stepladder is not a real choice for the second round today, because I always get vertigo on stepladders and fall off. When decorating, I make the more solid choice of standing on a sideboard, but somehow the idea of pushing a sideboard four miles is even less appealing than studying the fastenings on the backs of people's beany-hats.

Rather rash of Colin Montgomerie, incidentally, to tell Radio 4 yesterday that his home crowd might copy the Woods phenomenon — thus creating Colinmania, presumably. But could Colin cope with Colinmania? Has he sufficient strength of character? We may never know.

> 'The truth is, I am in love with the golf swing. The follow-through leaves me gasping'



A packed gallery watches in dutiful near-silence as Woods goes about his business on the 6th green yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

FOOTBALL

Ravanelli transfer collapses over pay

By David Maddock

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI'S proposed transfer to Everton collapsed yesterday over his pay demands. The Middlesbrough forward apparently rated his services in the £50,000-a-week bracket, a figure that Everton, unsurprisingly, balked at. Howard Kendall, the manager, said that his club simply could not meet such demands.

"Fabrizio is on a very good contract where he is and we always felt that meeting his terms would be the most difficult stage of the deal," he said. "We tried hard and we came back quickly to make a final offer in the morning, but it was unacceptable to him and his advisers."

Kendall's sights might now be set on Gianluca Vialli, another Italy international who performs a similar forward role. The player would be available from Chelsea for a fee of about £1 million and even though Kendall suggested last week that his interest in the 33-year-old was slight, that has now changed given Ravanelli's stance. The fact that Everton were prepared to pay £7.5 million for the Middlesbrough forward, suggests that the club will have no difficulty in meeting what would be a substantial salary package for Vialli.

Matthew Le Tissier, the Southampton and England forward, is expected to miss the start of the season after breaking an arm in a warm-up match in Germany. Le Tissier fell awkwardly during the 1-1 draw with SVP Ansbach.

The destination of Roberto Baggio, the AC Milan player wanted by Derby County, remained uncertain yesterday. Bologna's manager, Renzo Ulivieri, said he was certain to join his club, but the Milan general manager, Adriano Galliani, said: "We had agreed Bologna's terms, but Baggio has had bids from two English clubs he wants to examine."

EXCLUSIVE TIMES NEWSPAPERS GRAND PRIX COMPETITION

THE TIMES FANTASY FORMULA ONE

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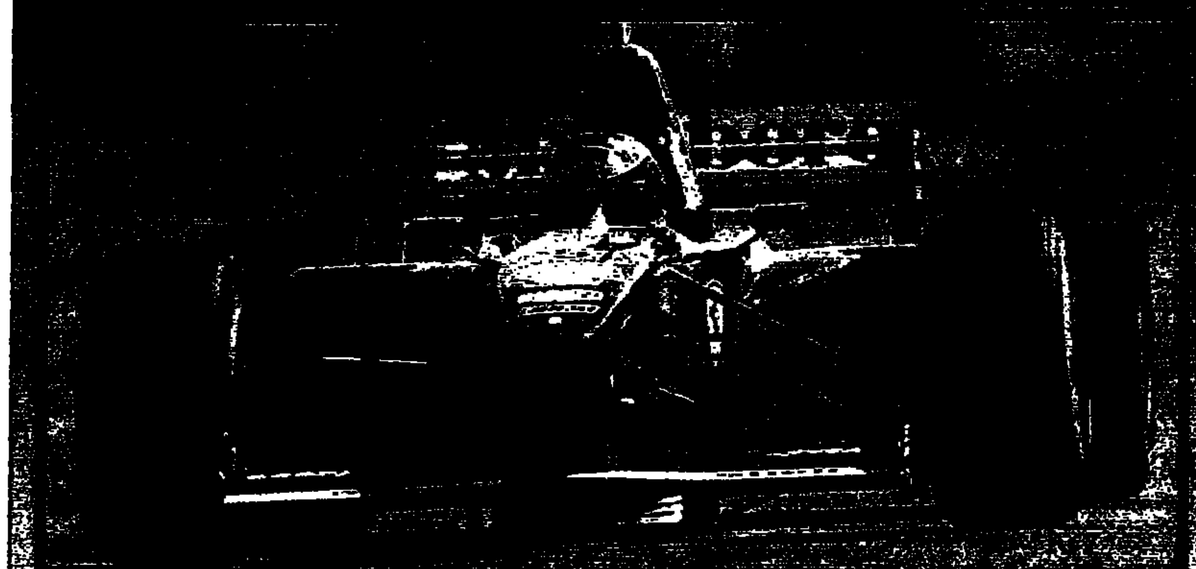
Fantasy Formula One race hots up for our £25,000 top prize



BAC Sport

[illegible] German GP wins [illegible] courtesy of BAC Sport. The prize includes [illegible] three nights' B&B in a four-star hotel in Liege.

The top of our Fantasy Formula One leaderboard in the race for our £25,000 top prize is headed by L Ackland from Guildford, Surrey. His team, Aston O, has a total of 6,765 points after scoring 846 points in last week's British Grand Prix at Silverstone. His team comprises M Schumacher, Alesi, Irvine, Trulli, Fisichella, Fontana, Benetton, McLaren, Ferrari, Sauber, Minardi and Lola. W Patterson of Newtownabbey, Co Antrim, wins a trip for two to the Belgian Grand Prix. His team, Wasps GP, scored 1,122 points at Silverstone, including the maximum 300 bonus points, and comprises Villeneuve, Alesi, Hill, Trulli, R Schumacher, Fontana, Williams, Benetton, Jordan, Arrows, Sauber and Tyrrell. J Haile from Bristol, wins a Sony PlayStation and CD-Rom game. His team, Hailes-Snails, scored 1,118 points which included the maximum 300 bonus points.

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CLARIFICATION: Rule 2 applies to the transfers and replacements on the table below. The cumulative figure for Prost published after the Canadian Grand Prix has been adjusted downwards by 10 points as his car did not finish in that race. All entrants scores are correct.

HOW THE POINTS WERE SCORED AT SILVERSTONE

Qualifying points (scored by qualifying for the start of each grand prix within the first 20 positions on the grid): Pole J Villeneuve 30 points; 2 H-H Frentzen 25; 3 M Hakkinen 24; 4 M Schumacher 23; 5 R Schumacher 22; 6 D Coulthard 21; 7 E Irvine 20; 9 J Herbert 18; 10 G Fisichella 17; 11 J Alesi 16; 12 D Hill 15; 13 J Trulli 14; 14 S Nakano 13; 15 J Magnussen 12; 16 P Diniz 11; 17 M Salo 10; 18 U Katayama 9; 19 J Verstappen 8; 20 T Marques 7. (Position 8 on the grid was taken by A Wurz, who is not in the competition).

Finishing points (scored for the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): 1st J Villeneuve 60 points; 2nd J Alesi 50; 4th D Coulthard 30; 5th R Schumacher 29; 6th D Hill 28; 7th G Fisichella 27; 8th J Trulli 26; 9th N Fontana 25; 10th T Marques 24; 11th S Nakano 23. (Only 10 finished. S Nakano was classified although he did not finish the race. A Wurz, who is not in the competition, was third.)

Lap points (one point for each lap completed): J Villeneuve 59 points; J Alesi 59; D Coulthard 59; R Schumacher 59; D Hill 59; G Fisichella 58; J Trulli 58; N Fontana 58; T Marques 58; S Nakano 57; M Hakkinen 52; J Magnussen 50; J Verstappen 45; E Irvine 44; M Salo 44; J Herbert 42; M Schumacher 38; R Barrichello 37; P Diniz 29.

Improvement from starting grid to finishing position (3 points for each improved place): N Fontana 39 points; T Marques 30; J Alesi 27; D Hill 18; J Trulli 15; G Fisichella 9; S Nakano 9; D Coulthard 6.

Fastest lap time of grand prix M Schumacher 10 points.

Penalty points Incident resulting in a driver being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): H-H Frentzen -10 points.

Did not finish the race (10 points deducted): E Irvine -10 points; H-H Frentzen -10; J Herbert -10; J Magnussen -10; J Verstappen -10; M Hakkinen -10; M Salo -10; M Schumacher -10; P Diniz -10; R Barrichello -10; S Nakano -10; U Katayama -10. **Not starting after qualifying** (10 points deducted): none.

Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted): none.

CONSTRUCTORS Finishing points (scored for the first car only in the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): Williams 30 points; Benetton 25; McLaren 23; Jordan 22; Arrows 21; Prost 19; Sauber 18; Minardi 17. **Penalty points** Incident resulting in a car being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): Williams -10 points.

Elimination of a car during the race (10 points deducted): Ferrari -20 points; Tyrrell -20; Stewart -20; Williams -10; McLaren -10; Prost -10; Arrows -10; Sauber -10; Minardi -10.

Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): none.

Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted): none.

OUR LEADERBOARD AFTER THE BRITISH GRAND PRIX

POS	TEAM NAME	MANAGER NAME	POINTS
1	Aston O	L Ackland	6765
2	Coolsport	D Coolican	6611
3	Dragon Racing	R Davis	6608
4	Gwilt F1	D Gwilt	6596
5	Formula Uno	P Tabone	6520
6	The Tigglers	"Mr R"	6514
6	Scuderia Vincitore	S Lorenti	6514
6	Cathy's Clowns	Mrs C Robinson	6514
6	Bezzotti Racing	A Scott	6514
6	F1 Erb	S Erhorn	6514
11	Laura's Rob	J Smith	6508
12	Sour Mash	R Owers	6497
13	Will And Nerve	A Mewes	6493
13	Cartell Racing	S Dimetto	6493
15	Smith-Astra	D Smith	6491
16	Parkhurst Racing	L Danson	6462
17	Team Julius II	C Gale	6454
18	Midnight Ravers	C Newman	6446
18	Cyclops	R Bohee	6446
18	Goldfinch	S Goldfinch	6446
18	Freaks	F Retkowsky	6446
22	Becks Racing Team	M Kingdon	6440
22	What Alesi Bunch!	N Rowe	6440
24	Waite Racing F1	P Waite	6437
25	Chris-Williams	C Quagliero	6417

MAKE THREE SELECTIONS FROM EACH OF THE FOUR GROUPS BELOW

The first column of figures, in light type after the names below, shows the Fantasy Formula One race scores for the British GP. The second column shows the total points in the competition so far.

DRIVERS

GROUP A			GROUP B		
01 D Hill	120	499	13 J Trulli*	113	998
02 M Schumacher	61	1073	14 J Verstappen	43	608
03 J Villeneuve	149	888	15 U Katayama	-1	514
04 E Irvine	54	858	16 P Diniz	30	470
05 J Alesi	152	997	17 R Rosset	0	0
06 G Berger	0	653	18 R Schumacher	110	563
07 M Hakkinen	66	736	19 G Fisichella	111	869
08 D Coulthard	116	788	20 S Nakano	92	577
09 R Barrichello	27	448	21 N Fontana*	122	826
10 H-H Frentzen	5	835	22 T Marques*	119	609
11 J Herbert	50	740	23 J Magnussen	52	481
12 M Salo	44	738	24 V Sospiri	0	0

CONSTRUCTORS

GROUP C			GROUP D		
25 Williams	10	127	31 Arrows	11	-58
26 Ferrari	-20	160	32 Sauber	8	90
27 McLaren	13	100	33 Tyrrell	-20	-11
28 Benetton	25	155	34 Minardi	7	39
29 Jordan	22	82	35 Stewart	-20	-79
30 Prost	9	90	36 Lola	0	0

*Jarno Trulli of Minardi replaces Olivier Panis in the Prost team. Tarso Marques replaces Trulli at Minardi and at Sauber Norberto Fontana replaces Gianni Morbidelli, who originally replaced Nicola Larini.

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Mr Nice Guy of athletics faces demanding challenges

Moorcroft takes over at the top

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

Moorcroft deals with questions unhesitatingly in a competent performance yesterday. Photograph: André Camara

DAVID MOORCROFT was yesterday handed the top job in British athletics and, inevitably, one of the first questions that he was asked, at his opening news conference, was whether he was tough enough for a position that has seen off two severely criticised incumbents in less than six years. Moorcroft, for all the medals that he has had hung around his neck, has always worn the halo of Mr Nice Guy.

An agreeable, caring and emotional man, Moorcroft's reputation as a sportsman-turned-BBC television analyst is much like Trevor Brooking's: pleasant, concentrating on people's good qualities, criticising only when absolutely necessary. Moorcroft's published tribute to the late Cliff Temple, the former coach and athletics correspondent of *Sunday Times*, who committed suicide three years ago, was as moving as any written by Temple's professional colleagues.

Moorcroft wants us to know, though, that he is not a softy. He can be as ruthless as he was on the track during a career that included Commonwealth 1,500 and 5,000 metres titles, a European 3,000 metres record and, most memorably, a 5,000 metres world record on a heady night in Oslo, in 1982.

Clearly, Moorcroft's shake-hands-and-smile image was on the minds of the British Athletic Federation (BAF) panel that saw candidates for the job of its chief executive. Would he not be walked over? "You will not be surprised that was one of the questions asked at the interview," Moorcroft said. And the answer? "You need a degree of toughness to be a successful athlete and there are many extremely tough people, determined people, who hide behind the exterior of being pleasant," Moorcroft said. "I do not seek to be liked, but I would quite like to be respected."

Not everybody within the BAF headquarters in Birmingham is impressed at the selection of Moorcroft and he will need to prove that he can be a master of disguise. There needs to be ruthlessness behind the mask as British athletics seems to stumble from one crisis to another.

The job title has changed from that held by Peter Radford, who resigned in January as executive chairman, and Moorcroft will not chair the management board, although, according to Ken Rickhuss, the BAF chairman, the new boss will have the power to hire and fire. "I think he is a man who has the ability to bring this sport of ours together," Rickhuss said.

While Moorcroft spoke of "building relationships", he was ready with an answer to the difficult issue of Andy Norman, who was dismissed as the federation's promotions officer after an investigation into his conduct arising from Temple's death. Temple and Moorcroft were close friends and he and Norman, who is now the agent for many leading British athletes, have not spoken for years.

In a generally competent conference performance, in which he dealt with each question unhesitatingly, Moorcroft responded skilfully to the query on whether he would be able to work with Norman. "My thoughts on Andy are well documented and go back a number of years," Moorcroft said.

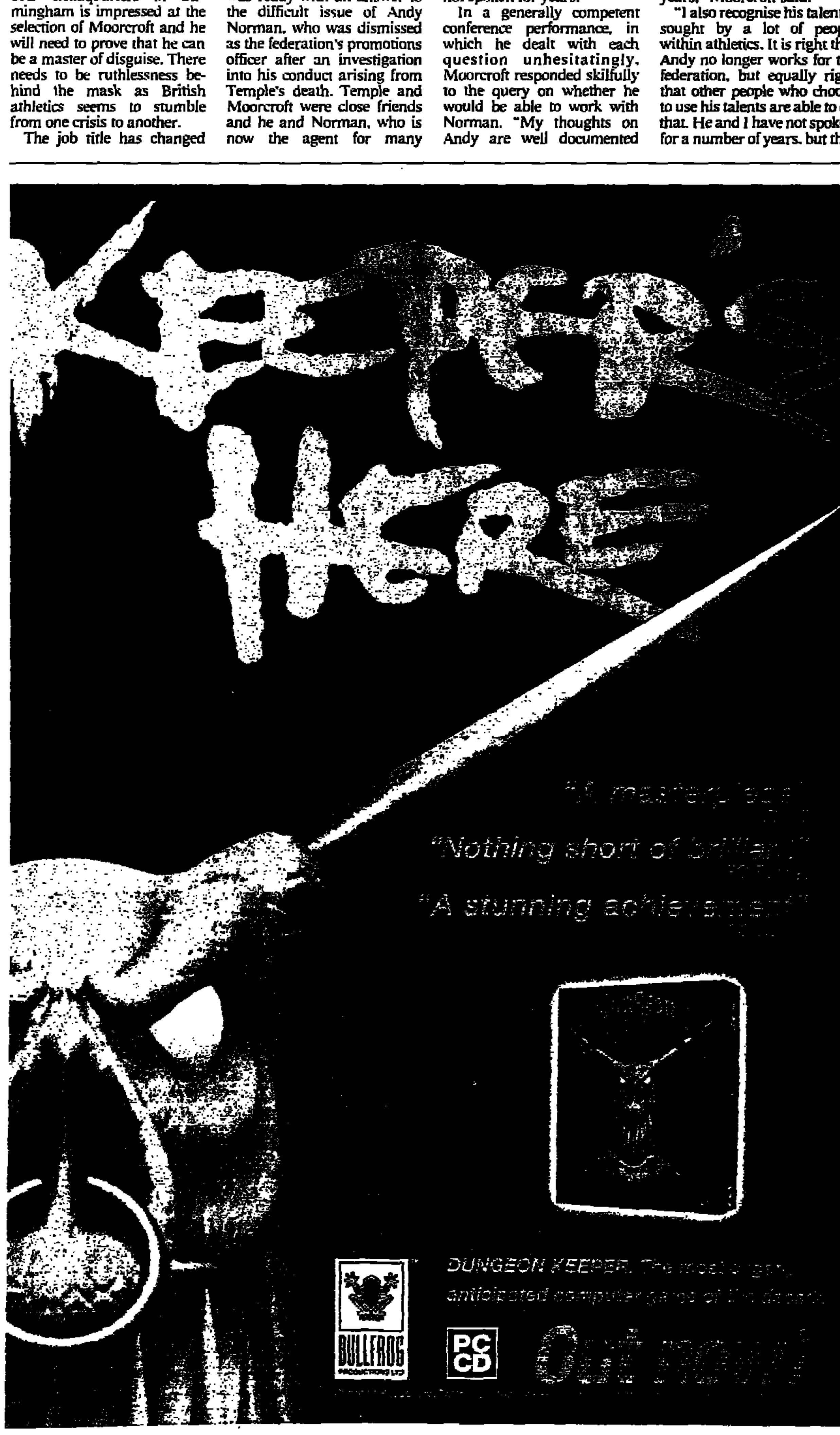
"I also recognise his talent is sought by a lot of people within athletics. It is right that Andy no longer works for the federation, but equally right that other people who choose to use his talents are able to do that. He and I have not spoken for a number of years, but that is only because our paths have not crossed."

Aged 44, a member of Coventry Godiva Harriers for more than 30 years and still a participant in local athletics, Moorcroft will take up his new post on October 1. In answer to suggestions that he may lack the necessary financial attributes, Rickhuss said that, of those interviewed, Moorcroft's qualifications were "not as good as some people on the shortlist, but certainly equal to most".

Moorcroft pointed to having headed a charitable trust with a £1 million annual turnover. He added: "I am really excited about the future. We have got much to look forward to and many opportunities to realise."

MOORCROFT'S TRACK RECORD

1971: Wins AAA junior indoor and outdoor 5,000 metres titles
1976: Second in national cross-country championship over nine miles, first senior title — AAA indoor at 1,500 metres; seventh in Olympic 1,500 metres
1978: AAA outdoor and Commonwealth 1,500 metres champion.
1980: United Kingdom champion at 1,500 metres and 5,000 metres, withdraws ill from semi-finals of Olympic 5,000 metres.
1982: World record at 5,000 metres with 13min 00.14sec in Oslo; European record at 3,000 metres with 7min 32 79sec; third in European championship 5,000 metres; Commonwealth champion at 5,000 metres.
1983: Appointed MBE
1984: Finishes last, injured, in Olympic 5,000 metres final
1989: Wins United Kingdom 3,000 metres title at 35
1993: Breaks over-40 world mile record.



IN BRIEF

Wilkinson through

CHRIS WILKINSON and Danny Sapsford set up an all-British match in the quarter-finals of the Manchester tennis challenger tournament in Didsbury after both gained second-round victories yesterday.

Mark Petchey gave Britain another representative in the last eight after a straight-sets victory over Julian Knowle.

Polo: Hubert Perrodo's team, Labegorce, secured their place in the final next Sunday of the British open championship for the Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup, when they defeated Urs Schwarzenbach's Black Bears 12-9 at Cowdray Park, Sussex, yesterday. In the second semi-final, Isla Carroll beat Laird 14-10.

Shooting: Sedbergh won the Ashburton Shield for the schools championship for a second successive year at Bisley yesterday, scoring 480 — 18 points ahead of Cheltenham.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 41

AASVOGEL
(c) A South African vulture, especially *Gyps kolbii*. From the Afrikaans *aas* carrion + *vogel* a bird.

FLAMMENWERFER
(b) A flamethrower. From the German *flamme* a flame + *werfer* a thrower or mortar. *werfen* to throw. George Barker, *Collected Poems*, 1930-55: "The flammenwerfer and the fish/ And also I acknowledge him creator."

CLOUE
(b) Studded with nails, usually in heraldic jargon. The French word. "*Cloué*, studded with nails. A Portcullis, or a Gate, is sometimes thus described."

ENCIERRO
(a) The driving of bulls through the streets of a Spanish town from a corral to a bull-ring, frequently for the specific purpose of giving amateurs an opportunity to play the bulls. Literally the Spanish for "act of enclosing or locking up".

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Ng5! and the pressure along the a2-g8 diagonal proves decisive, e.g. 1 ... Rxf1+ 2 Rxf1 Nxg5 3 Bxd5 and White wins

TELEVISION CHOICE

How much did they know?

Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century
BBC2, 9.35am (not Scotland)

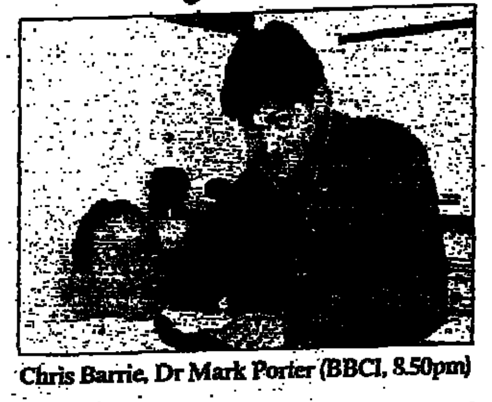
The latest in a lively series of historical conundrums concerns the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and how much the Allies knew about it in advance. The episode was a military embarrassment to the United States but a political godsend to Britain. It brought the Americans into the war against Japan and also, thanks to Hitler declaring war on the US, Germany as well. It is often said that President Roosevelt knew about the Pearl Harbor plan but let the Japanese go ahead so that he could lead a united country into war. The film takes a different tack, arguing that Churchill knew from the breaking of Japanese codes what was likely to happen but kept the information from Roosevelt. Churchill calculated, correctly, that a Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor would end British isolation.

The First Night of the Proms
BBC2, 7.30pm

Although the annual summer Proms are primarily a radio festival, with every note of every bar being carried live on Radio 3, television is again doing its bit. The First Night, and, of course, the Last Night, are being carried live and are among ten concerts being transmitted on BBC1 or BBC2. As usual, the First Night features a large-scale choral work. Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, a towering statement both of personal beliefs and universal themes, is given by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Bernard Haitink. The musicians are augmented by the BBC Singers and BBC Symphony Chorus and four distinguished soloists in Karita Mattila, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, Herbert Lippert and Anthony Michaels-Moore. James Naughtie takes time off from the *Today* programme to fill the presenter's role that was for so long held by Richard Baker.

Close Encounters: Sea Change
Channel 5, 7.30pm

Siobhan Redmond narrates a sorry tale of man's best efforts to destroy one of the glories of nature. It is true that over the centuries coral reefs have come and gone without human intervention, the victims of storms or long cold spells. But they have also recovered. Now, especially off the shores of developed countries, the regrowth of coral is being inhibited by pollution, disturbance and silt from construction work onshore. The recovery of reefs is economically important, as they attract tourists and provide rich pickings for the fishing industry. Conservationists, too, have an interest in their survival. The wildlife cameraman Jeff Simon reports from his home base of Florida on schemes for rebuilding reefs and encouraging fish to breed in them.



Chris Barrie, Dr Mark Porter (BBC1, 8.50pm)

Get Fit With Brittas
BBC1, 8.50pm (not Scotland)

Comedy has long been used to put over propaganda, witness the use of wireless comedians such as Gert and Daisy to broadcast food hints during the Second World War. So Chris Barrie's Gordon Brittas follows in a distinguished line. The nerdish leisure centre manager is our guide to keeping fit and healthy in a series of ten-minute films which combine the humour of *The Brittas Empire* with a serious message. Those of us deemed to carry too much weight will have been told many times about the need to take regular exercise, starting with brisk walks. Now that it comes from a sitcom star we might finally take notice. That, at least, is the strategy of the series which also features Mrs Brittas (Pippa Haywood), the TV doctor, Mark Porter, and celebrities such as Suzanne Charlton. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Proms 97
Radio 3, 7.30pm

Tonight sees the opening of one of the great BBC radio and television showcases of the year, the 103rd season of the *Proms*, consisting of some 73 concerts spread over a period of eight weeks. Those who remain quietly mystified as to what happened to the title *Henry Wood Promenade Concerts* are living proof that the BBC got away with remarketing the series as the *BBC Proms* without too much of a fuss. I think the change was a bit of a cheek but the it is the music that really matters and this year it is undoubtedly of a high order of merit. The season is introduced, as usual, by James Naughtie and begins tonight with Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, an personal statement of the composer's beliefs.

Tea Junction
Radio 4, 11.25pm

Return of one of the more stimulating late-night programmes on radio, though maddeningly short at 20 minutes. The format is essentially that of a round table forum on the week's events and those at the table include Anthony Howard of *The Times*, Michael Dobbs, the novelist, Lord Steel of Aikwood, Terence Hawkes, the Shakespeare scholar, Sheila McKechnie of the Consumers' Association, and Michael Shea, the novelist and former press secretary to the Queen. It is a good line-up but not even Patrick Hannan, who is an excellent presenter, can hope to get the best out of six erudite people in such a short space of time. But given the moves afoot at Radio 4, we shall be lucky to have such a programme at all after next April. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow in Beach Park, Irvine **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** U2 — Lunchtime Live in Rotterdam **3.00** Mary Anne Hobbs **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Phoenix Live: Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** One in the Jungle **12.00am** Radio 1 Rap Show **3.00am** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.15** Born Free **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.00** Sheridan Morley

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **1.30** The Open. Coverage of the second day of the 126th Open Championship at Royal Troon. With John Inverdale and Tony Adamson **8.00** Friday Sport. Includes the Super League Visa world club championship game between Leeds and Adelaide **10.00** Paper Talk **11.00** News Extra with David McNeil **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Richard Dallyn

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** World Today **7.30** Living Together **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Music Review **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Performance **9.30** John Peel **10.05** Business **10.15** Learning World **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** Assignment **12.30pm** Focus on Faith **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Body of Knowledge **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Football **4.15** Four Caliphs **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** World Today **6.30** News in German **6.40** Spotlight **6.45** Sport **7.30** Focus on Faith **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** People and Politics **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Streets of London **3.30** People and Politics **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Weekend **4.45** Off the Shelf **5.00** Outlook **5.45** Music Brief

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Concerto. Busoni (Concertino for Clarinet and Small Orchestra); Litolff (Concerto Sinfonique No 4 in D minor, Op 102) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. J.C. Bach (Piano Sonata in B flat major, Op 17 No 6) **8.00** Evening Concert. Mozart (Symphony No 31 in D major K297: Paris) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Nick Abbot **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Mark Forrest **2.00** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Vivaldi (Concerto in G minor, Op 10 No 2, La Notte); Liszt (Les Preludes); Beethoven (Overture: Fidelio); Bach (Concerto in in A minor for Four Harpsichords, BWV1065); Mussorgsky, arr Stokowski (Boris Godunov Symphonic Synthesis)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Ravel (Valses Nobles et Sentimentales); Fauré (Les Djinns); Stravinsky (Symphony in E flat)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Cheltenham Festival, with Chris Wines live at the Town Hall. Includes Bliss (Hymn to Apollo); Dowland (In Darkness Let Me Dwell); Thomas Ades (Darknesse Visible); Beethoven (Clarinet Trio in B flat, Op 11); Holst (Come to Me, Op 12); Hoddinott (Passaggio); Humfrey (O Give Thanks unto the Lord); Rubbra (Eight Preludes); Arnold (Symphony for Brass)
12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Beethoven
1.00pm News; St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital. The first in a new six-part series of recitals from Cardiff. Sahan Arzruni, piano, performs Khachaturian (Poem; Toccata); Komitas (Seven Dances; The Shoror of Mush); Tarzian (Ode to Vahan); Khachaturian (Sonatina)
2.00 Private Passions. In the last of the present series, Michael Berkeley talks to Lord Harewood, whose choices include works by Britten, Prokofiev, Janacek, Verdi and Wagner (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive: Proms Preview. Fiona Talkington introduces recordings from the BBC archive in anticipation of the first night of the 1997 Proms. The programme features performances by ensembles and soloists who will be appearing at the Albert Hall this year. Includes Bartok (Rondos on Slovak Folk Tunes); Maxwell Davies (Fantasia No 1 on an In Nomine by John Tavener); Brahms (Four Songs, Op 46); Imogen Holst (String Quintet); Tippett (Concerto for Double String Orchestra)
5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson explores the use of music in politics
5.15 In Tune. Jeremy Nicholas introduces a programme of music played at the first Prom concert at the Queen's Hall on August 10, 1895. Includes Wagner (Overture: Rienzi); Saint-Saëns (Softly Awakes My Heart); Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 2 in D minor); Bizet (Carmen, selection); Godfrey (Variations on Lucy Long)
7.30 BBC Proms 1997. See Choice
9.05 Beethoven the Titan. Professor George Steiner talks about aspects of Beethoven's genius
9.35 Role Play. In the last of the five-part series, Michael Billington talks to Simon Russell Beale and David Troughton about *Richard III*
10.00 Hear and Now. Andrew Sperling introduces highlights of the 1997 Bath International Music Festival which celebrated the 75th birthday of Iannis Xenakis: Roland Auzet, percussion, performs Xenakis (Rebonds; EROD; S-709); Reservoir, director Mikel Toms, performs Xenakis (Palimpsest; Kai); New London Chamber Choir, Critical Band, director James Wood, performs Xenakis (Serment; Medea)
11.30 Composers of the Week: Early Spanish Music, with Catherine Bott. Includes del Anzina, Mena and de la Torre (r)
1.15 Saxophone Colossus. John Surman talks to the saxophonist Sonny Rollins about his work with the trumpeter Don Cherry and the saxophonist Coleman Hawkins (5/6) (r)
1.45 Through the Night, with David Cornet. Includes 1.00 Rossini's *Ricciardo e Zoraide*

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's castaway is Redmond O'Hanlon (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00 News; Negotiators (FM). Dr Raj Persaud looks at a bank siege in Greenwich Village, New York, in 1975 and talks to the man responsible for freeing the 850 hostages (4/4)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Diana Madill
11.30 The Natural History Programme. A special edition from south west Wales introduced by Euan McIlwraith
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Food Programme. The weekly look at the world of food with Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: North and South. The final part of Charlotte Keatley and Michael Fox's dramatisation of Elizabeth Gaskell's epic saga. With Emily Mortimer (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor and his guests
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow traces his cultural roots from Chesterfield to Cornwall
4.45 Short Story — The French Collection: On Horseback. Written by Guy de Maupassant, translated by Mary Balairdie Green and read by Simon Russell Beale
5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Potter and Jon Sopel **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places. A new series of the programme in which David Stafford presents ideas for days out. This week he visits the *Coronation Street Experience* in Manchester. Plus the artist Ralph Steadman tours the vineyards of Kent
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. The best of the week's BBC television and radio selected by Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke chairs the topical debate in Thornbury, south Gloucestershire. On the panel are Tim Collins, MP, Peter Hitchens, Germaine Greer and Tony Banks, MP
8.50 Law in Action. Presented by Marcel Berlins. Margaret Renn asks whether our courts know how to deal with forensic evidence
9.15 Letter from America. Another slice of life Stateside served up by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: The Ferens Gallery, Hull. Petroc Trelawny celebrates the 70th anniversary of the municipal gallery in the centre of Hull (r)
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Captain Corelli's Mandolin, by Louis de Bernière. Abridged by Alison Joseph and read by Robert Powell (10/15)
11.00 Goodness Gracious Me. The all-Asian comedy sketch show. With Sanjeev Bhaskar, Kulvinder Ghir, Nitin Sawhney, Nina Wadia and Meera Syal
11.25 Tea Junction. See Choice
11.45 Today in Parliament. A roundup of the day's events in Westminster
12.00 News includes **12.27am** Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The White Boy Shuffle, by Paul Beatty. Read by Ray Shell (5/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

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The low road to the truth about architecture

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

When they give out the prizes for catchiest title of the year, I think the makers of **How Buildings Learn** (BBC2) can safely stay at home that night. But despite the apparent determination to make as few people as possible watch it, the series is emerging as one of the great unexpected treats of the summer. It's television that somebody has put real thought into — and when did we last see any of that?

That somebody is Stewart Brand, who, inevitably, has written a book on the same subject and who, inevitably, is American. But we can forgive him both, simply because his arguments are so appealing and so cogently put. His basic contention is that architects get it wrong, which in terms of courting popularity is right up there with "lawyers charge too much" and "politicians don't tell the truth". The difference is: he can prove it, at least to the degree where he gets a book and a highly diverting television series out of it.

Last week he kicked off by debunking the triumph of form over function in modern architecture, arguing persuasively that architects have become obsessed with how a building looks and have little interest in how it works or, in particular, how it evolves over time. Brand likes buildings that are shaped by experience, that can survive any number of generations of workers coming in and *sticking drawing pins into things* the architect said they shouldn't. "The main architect is time," he concluded, which, if nothing else, was a nice line.

Last night he moved on, with a celebration of those buildings where function is everything. He called them "low road", which was not quite such a winning soundbite but made the point. We would recognise them as sheds, garages, shacks, warehouses, mobile homes — or collectively as the leftovers. Brand likes them so much he divides his working day between an old shipping container and a converted fishing boat in his back garden. But he *is* Californian.

Drawing on examples from both sides of the Atlantic, he showed how well such low-cost space works and in particular, how easily it adapts to the demands of different occupiers. But just as we were all thinking "*that's all very well but I don't have room for a fishing boat in my back-garden*", he brought the whole thing closer to home. Most houses have low-road parts: a cellar, an attic, a garden shed. Because they're the parts we tend to care least about how they look, when we do convert them to a new use — home office, gym, recording studio — they work brilliantly.

But before you could shout "Why didn't I think of that?", you realised that all sorts of people had. It's how a whole sector of property development now works. First the artists move into the cheapest redundant space they can find; then it becomes fashionable, and then the developers move in, buying studios and turning them into loft apartments. We all know at least one area where that has happened, and as Brand concluded, "the same sequence is no doubt beginning somewhere else". But where? Follow that easel.

Chris Patten is about to move to distinctly high-road Barnes, southwest London. But for now, as far as I know, he is still on holiday in France. If he's got any sense, he will stay there until **The Last Governor** (BBC2) is over. Three weeks in, it resembles nothing so much as a terrible traffic accident happening in slow motion. Much more of this and Patten will look back at his close encounter with Jonathan Dimbleby about as fondly as the Prince of Wales must.

For, despite Dimbleby's best endeavours to do right by his old friend, it is becoming increasingly difficult to see Patten as anything other than naive and foolish: doubly so for inviting the cameras in. When even Baroness Thatcher reluctantly admits that the negotiating position was hopeless, you have to listen, don't you?

Sir Percy Cradock, a former Ambassador to China and one of Patten's fiercest critics, was cast as the villain of this piece, but was actually rather splendid. He favoured negotiating what these days would be described as "the least worst outcome", rather than Patten's confrontational effort to parachute democracy into Hong Kong at the eleventh hour. "What do you think of people who describe you as kow-tower-in-chief?" asked Dimbleby. "That they know nothing about it," Cradock replied, imperiously.

One continued annoyance is Dimbleby's curious reluctance to identify when his undeniably impressive range of interviewees are talking. Some, such as Thatcher and Lord Young of Graffham, are clearly relatively recent, while others are — less clearly — contemporaneous with the events of 1994. Patten, being the star, is in both times at once but, without a caption, we have no idea which is which. Only jacket lapel width and comments such as "I think there is a very good chance of the electoral arrangements we have put in place surviving through 1997" provide clues.

Finally, over on Channel 5 (goodness, that's the third time this week), Mariella Frostrup is emerging as both the strength and the weakness of **The Car Show**, the channel's disappointingly pedestrian answer to BBC2's *Top Gear*. Her strength is that she is female and not Jeremy Clarkson: her weakness is that having quite sensibly made a handsome living by hiring out her distinctive voice to the highest bidder in the voice-over market, it is disproportionately difficult to believe that she knows what she is talking about or, indeed, very much cares. The booming Patrick Allen, you may recall, had a similar problem after all those ads for Barratt Homes.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (15673)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (r) (10031)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (r) (3355302)

9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (1786708)

9.50 Kilroy (T) (5458876)

10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (55031)

11.00 News (T) and weather (7949654)

11.05 Due South The duo are assigned to track down a gang of bank robbers disguised as Santa Claus (r) (T) (1255506)

11.50 Good Neighbours (2966437)

12.00 News (T) regional news and weather (8427147)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (r) (6104895)

12.35 Neighbours (T) (8852654)

1.00 News (T) and weather (20418)

1.30 Regional News (42437925)

1.40 Perry Mason: The Case of the Killer Kiss A soap star is murdered. Raymond Burr stars in his last appearance as the ace attorney (3559963)

3.10 Quincy A nurse seeks Quincy's help after the death of a heart-attack victim, leading the ever-alert coroner into a bizarre investigation into what looks like a medical cover-up (9331876)

4.00 Popeye (r) (7805418) **4.10** To Me, to You (T) (4214505) **4.35** It'll Never Work (r) (8909944) **5.00** Newsround (T) (1045012) **5.10** Record Breakers (r) (T) (4633925)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (858895)

6.00 News (T) and weather (809)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (401)

7.00 Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook Rory Bremner and June Whitfield join chefs Brian Turner and Antony Worrall-Thompson (T) (3692)

7.30 Top of the Pops Including a satellite link-up with Jo Whiley from U2's concert in Rotterdam's Feyenoord Stadium (T) (215)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses The Trotters are going up in the world in this classic late-1980s episode: Del-Boy has become a yuppie and Rodney has started a computer course at nightschool, where he meets Cassandra (r) (T) (752925)

8.50 Get Fit with Brittas: Doctor's Orders (T) New six-part series of comedy shorts designed to offer basic fitness advice starring a host of household names, including Chris Barrie, TV doctor Mark Porter, and Suzanne Charlton (T) (505692)

9.00 News (T) and weather (7499)

9.30 Stake Out (1987) FILM Seattle detective Richard Dreyfuss leads the hunt for an escaped murderer, but while maintaining surveillance on his quarry, falls for the suspect's former girlfriend. With Emilio Estevez, Madeleine Stowe and Aidan Quinn. Directed by John Badham (T) (215741)

11.25 U2: PopMart Live from the Feyenoord Stadium in Rotterdam (T) (948692)

11.55 Waterhole No 3 (1967) FILM A crooked sheriff, a gambler and a thief hunt for a stash of stolen booty. Western, starring James Coburn, Carroll O'Connor and Margaret Blye. Directed by William Graham (173031)

1.25am Weather (3971109)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Who Belongs to Glasgow? (7939876) **6.25** Age and Identity (9923963)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (6894692)

7.30 The Moomins (7913050)

7.55 Cartoon Critters (6854302)

8.20 Mr Benn (6532383)

8.35 The Record (2454012)

9.00 Cartoon (5664296)

9.10 The Phil Silvers Show (1784586)

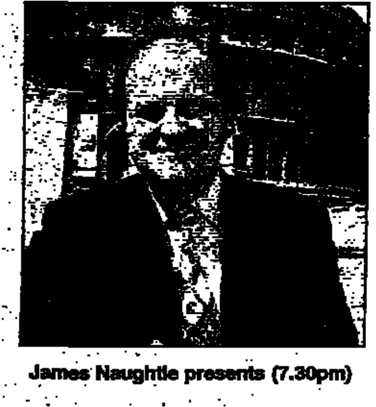
9.35 Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century Insight into Japan's 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Last in series (2442128)

10.00 Teletubbies (72383)

10.30 International Golf: The Open Steve Rider introduces early action from round two at the Royal Troon Golf Club in Ayrshire. Peter Alliss, Alex Hay, Dave Marr, Peter Oosterhuis and Peter Thomson provide the commentary (15654)

12.30pm Working Lunch Adrian Chiles presents the latest business news (32645)

1.00 International Golf: The Open Further second-round coverage from Troon in Scotland (4366186)



James Naughtie presents (7.30pm)

7.30 The First Night of the Proms James Naughtie presents coverage of the concert live from the Royal Albert Hall, introducing Beethoven's choral mass, *Missa Solemnis*, performed by the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Featuring world-renowned soprano Karita Mattila, mezzo-soprano Catherine Wyn-Rogers, tenor Herbert Lippert and baritone Anthony Michaels-Moore. Bernard Haitink conducts. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3. **N.B: Subsequent programmes subject to change and late running** (91760)

9.00 International Golf: The Open Steve Rider presents highlights of today's second round at Royal Troon (216418)

9.40 Rab C Nesbitt: More Another airing of the 1994 Hogmanay special (172186)

10.28 Talking Tate Willie Carson on William Powell's painting of *The Derby Day* (973925)

10.30 Newsnight presented by Kirsty Wark (T) (103437)

11.15 The A-Force Roy Diamond presents the last episode of the series. Ainsley Harriott guests (406470)

12.45am Mo' Better Blues (1990) FILM Denzel Washington stars in director Spike Lee's vibrant portrait of a self-centered jazz trumpeter whose single-minded ambition alienates those who care about him. Lee co-stars as Washington's friend and manager, with Wesley Snipes, Joie Lee and John Turturro (25068190)

2.50 Weather (6891451)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (8529166)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1770147)

9.55 Judge Judy (T) (4483876)

10.20 News (T) (8278673)

10.25 Regional News (T) (8277944)

10.30 Home Is Where the Hart Is FILM Crime drama starring Robert Wagner and Stephanie Powers (94960296)

12.20pm Regional News (T) (8416031)

12.30 News (T) and weather (8888079)

12.55 Designed by Emanuel (8856470) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (37568215) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (T) (8895925) **2.50** Garden Calendar (T) (8298437)

3.20 News (T) (1996876)

3.25 Regional News (T) (1995147)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (r) (4295321) **3.40** Cartoon Time (1586944) **3.50** Zzzap! (r) (1582128) **4.00** The Treacle People (T) (4111031) **4.15** The Real Ghostbusters (T) (248963) **4.45** Get Wet (8990296)

5.10 A Country Practice (1606079)

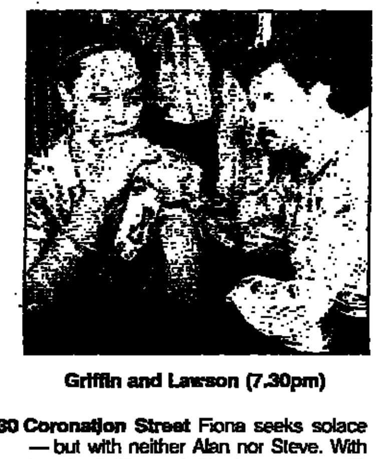
5.40 News (T) and weather (880993)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (835470)

6.25 HTV Weather (T) (751079)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) (499)

7.00 Beadle's Hotshots Jeremy Beadle presents spoofs and sketches made by members of the public (T) (8760)



Griffin and Lawson (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Fiona seeks solace — but with neither Alan nor Steve. With Angela Griffin and Charles Lawson (T) (383)

8.00 The Bill: Stand by Your Man When a prisoner reveals he is being intimidated to smuggle drugs, Daly uses underhand methods to find the supplier (T) (4708)

8.30 Surprise! Surprise! The guests included Ant and Dec, *Baywatch's* David Hasselhoff, *EastEnder* Wendy Richard and Cockney singing duo Chas and Dave are among the celebrity guests helping Cilla Black make a few dreams (or nightmares) come true (T) (25875)

9.30 Tarrant on TV (r) (T) (88857)

10.00 News (T) and weather (72708)

10.40 Caddyshack II (1988) FILM with Jackie Mason, Dyan Cannon, and Robert Stack. Comedy about a self-made millionaire persuaded by his social-climbing daughter to make a doomed attempt to join an exclusive golf club. Directed by Allan Arkush (11062741)

12.25am Short Story Cinema (5990513)

1.00 Aspen Extreme (1993) FILM Romantic melodrama with Paul Gross and Finola Hughes. Directed by Patrick Hasburgh (85625567)

3.10 Bonkers (T) (1779093) **4.10** Coach (r) (20089567) **4.35** An Invitation to Remember (r) (22822987) **5.00** Coronation Street (r) (T) (12971) **5.30** News (89068)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

10.30am Surprise Chefs (57499)

11.00 Side Effects (5491037)

11.50 Dogs with Dunbar (3484234)

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (8856470)

2.50-3.20 Right or Wrong? (8298437)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1606079)

6.25-7.00 Central News (117857)

10.40 Film: Company Business (78734316)

12.30am Movie Show Special: Die Hard with a Vengeance (3753242)

12.55 Film: A Father's Revenge (330838)

2.40 The LADS (1767258)

3.15 Bonkers (6970838)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

10.30 Healthy by Nature (57499)

11.00 Side Effects (5491037)

11.50 Dogs with Dunbar (3484234)

12.55pm Home and Away (8856470)

1.25 Westcountry Kitchen (16559483)

1.55 Westcountry Update (59459789)

2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (5771370)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1606079)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (76012)

10.30 Westcountry News (585147)

10.45 Film: Gorky Park (21412128)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Tell Me No Lies (94960296)

12.55pm-1.25 Shortland Street (8856470)

1.50 Surprise Chefs (59450418)

2.20 Put It to the Test (66354760)

2.50-3.20 Serve You Right (8298437)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1606079)

6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (76012)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (585147)

10.45 Highlander (654586)

11.40 Wiseguy (888876)

12.35am Campus Cops (3752513)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except: 10.30am Film: Tell Me No Lies (94960296) **12.55-1.25 A Country Practice** (8856470) **1.55 Murder, She Wrote** (8803944) **2.50-3.20 Countrywide** (8298437) **5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (1606079) **6.25-7.00 Anglia News** (117857) **10.30 Anglia News and Weather** (585147) **10.45 The Warehouse** (95905147) **12.20am Short Story Cinema** (2149971)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (70893) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (83811) **9.00 Bewitched** (59857) **9.30 Film: The Demi Paradise** (58327741) **11.35 Australia Wild** (7298383) **12.00 Animal Passions** (62321) **12.30pm Ricki Lake** (99963) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (25042215) **1.15 Slot Syniadau Sali** (25030470) **1.30 Tracks of Glory** (45669321) **3.15 Second Class Mail** (1997505) **3.20 Here's One I made Earlier** (5630418) **3.50 Fifteen-to-One Grand Final** (6306499) **4.30 Tool Stories** (296) **5.00 5 Pump** (6166) **5.30 Countdown** (876) **6.00 Newyddion** (466499) **6.05 Heno** (853876) **6.35 Jac yn y Bocs** (728741) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (963147) **7.25 Cnapan '97** (4292050) **8.30 Newyddion** (1857) **9.00 Jewels of the Desert** (2609) **10.00 Brookside** (402050) **10.35 Friends** (950091) **11.05 Harry Hill** (958079) **11.35 Tour De France** (998857) **12.05am Film: Candyman** (990074) **1.55 Robin** (2348074) **2.00 Film: Panic in the Streets** (102364) **3.50 Film: Floods of Fear** (4126819)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (70893) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (83811) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (59857)

9.30 The Demi Paradise (1943, b/w) FILM with Laurence Olivier and Marjorie Fielding. Second World War propaganda comedy, directed by Anthony Asquith (T) (58327741)

11.35 Australia Wild (r) (7298383) **12.00** Garden Party (r) (T) (62321) **12.30pm** Blue Wilderness. Return of the Giant (99963) **1.00** Moving People (13128) **1.30** Drop (29007963)

1.35 All the Way Home (1963) FILM Sentimental tale of small-town American life during the First World War. With Jean Simmons and Robert Preston, directed by Alex Segal (45668692)

3.20 Here's One I Made Earlier (T) (5630418) **3.50** Fifteen-to-One Grand Final (T) (6306499) **4.30** Countdown (T) (8993383) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (2853166) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (876)

6.00 The Cosby Show The family look back on warm memories (789)

6.30 Tour De France The 55km time trial in St Etienne (741)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (611418)

7.50 The Political Slot (662166)

8.00 Garden Party From the Manor House, Heslington, York. The party visit floral arrangement artist George Smith's garden (T) (5050)

8.30 Brookside Will Elaine finally confess her secret to Cassie? The pressure takes its toll on Ollie (T) (1857)

9.00 Friends: The One With the Jam Phoebe is stalked by a man while Monica becomes broody (T) (3437)

9.30 Cybill: Going to Hell in a Limo Cybill is suspicious of Jack's motives (2/2) (T) (86499)

10.00 Frasier: Love Bites Dog Bulldog falls in love with Frasier's blind date (T) (63050)

10.30 Harry Hill Sketches and stand-up comedy (T) (459128)

Todd and Madsen (11.05pm)

11.05 Candyman (1992) FILM Director Bernard Rose's adaptation of Clive Barker's chilling story. Helen Lyle is researching a paper on urban myths, including that of the Candyman, a spirit with a hook hand who is supposed to appear when his name is said five times into a mirror. With Virginia Madsen, Tony Todd, Kasi Lemmons and Xander Berkeley (481282)

12.55am Robin Adult animation (9988364)

1.00 Panic on the Streets (1950) FILM Thriller with Richard Widmark, Jack Palance and Zero Mostel. Directed by Elia Kazan (224708)

2.50 Floods of Fear (1958) FILM Atmospheric thriller with Howard Keel and Cyril Cusack. Directed by Charles Crichton (7588364)

4.15 Takeover TV (1146109)

5.05 Tour de France (r) (5051567)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

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6.00am 5 News Early (9334128)

7.30 Havakazoo (7160215) **8.00** The Enid Blyton Adventure Series (7050012) **8.30** WideWorld (7059383)

9.00 Espresso (3750673) **10.00** Exclusive! (r) (5739383) **10.30** The Car Show (r) (7079147) **11.00** Leeza (6611963) **11.50** Double Espresso (19462321) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7060499) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (T) (4634857)

1.00 5 News Update (T) (29863893) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (8677944) **2.00** 5's Company (6657499)

3.30 Can You Feel Me Dancing? (1986) FILM with Justine Bateman, Max Gail and Jason Bateman. A blind girl's struggle to break free from her overprotective parents. Directed by Michael Miller (6708505)

5.25 5's Company: Late Extra (68708876)

5.30 100 Per Cent (7407437)

6.00 Move on Up (T) (7497050)

6.30 Family Affairs Elsa makes the brave decision to return home (T) (7488302)

7.00 Exclusive! (T) (6747741)

Marine fish cover the reef (7.30pm)

7.30 CHOICE **Close Encounters: Sea Change** The devastation man has caused to the coral reef (T) (7484586)

8.00 Attractions The Tate Galleries in London, St Ives and Liverpool; a Beatles tour of the city of Liverpool and the hidden delights of Pimlico in London (6763789)

8.30 5 News (T) (6742296)

9.00 Nothing But the Truth (1995) FILM with Patricia Wettig, Ken Olin and Tia Carrere. Murder-mystery tale about a lie-detector expert whose personal judgment is called into question. Directed by Michael Switzer (59199673)

10.40 Not the Jack Docherty Show (1200708)

11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (9678147)

12.25am Sex and the Married Woman (1977) FILM A woman writes a book about her neighbours' sex lives. With Barry Newman and Joanna Pettet. Directed by Jack Arnold (4645600)

2.15 What's Good for the Goose (1969) FILM Limp British sex comedy with Norman Wisdom. Directed by Menahem Golan (2349726)

4.05 Appointment in Honduras (1953) FILM Adventure with Glenn Ford, Ann Sheridan and Zachary Scott. Directed by Jacques Tourneur (24604684)

5.25 The Road (92901161)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3748838)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (924079) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (85944) **10.00** Another World (60050) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (57586) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (30234) **1.00pm** Geraldo (16654) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (13854) **3.00** Jenny Jones (58708) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (35215) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7437) **6.00** Real TV (6429) **6.30** Married — with Children (4079) **7.00** The Simpsons (8166) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3963) **8.00** The Big Easy (88895) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (68031) **10.00** High Incident (78418) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (78079) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (36529) **1.00am** Hit Mix (8808838)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (1105465) **7.30** Superboy (5486012) **8.00** Hercules: The Legendary Journey (2043031) **9.00** Pacific Drive (2053418) **11.00** In the Heat of the Night (6978031) **12.00** Hit Mix (8086600)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Kid Galahad (1962) (39225031) **7.45 A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes** (1995) (99369789) **9.25 Hasty Heart** (1983) (95765012) **12.00 The Colony** (1995) (52128) **1.30pm Fanny** (1961) (77475950) **3.45 A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes** (1995) (618383) **5.15 The Return of Tommy Tricker** (1994) (52921383) **7.00 The Colony** (1995) (67963) **9.00 Tommy Boy** (1995) (28703012) **10.45 Guyver: Dark Hero** (1992) (13517692) **12.25am Search for Justice** (1996) (167619) **2.00 The Man Next Door** (1996) (276548) **3.35 Guns of Dragon** (1993) (20402548)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Command (1954) (66942) **8.00 Young Indiana Jones: Treasure of the Peacock's Eye** (1996) (35876) **10.00 The Joy of Living** (1938) (20857) **12.00 Slattery's Hurricane** (1949) (860708) **1.40pm Cagney and Lacey: The View Through the Glass Ceiling** (1995) (90315437) **3.15 Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown** (1977) (5059673) **4.35 Three Ninjas Knuckle Up** (1995) (4023532) **6.00 Young Indiana Jones: Treasure of the Peacock's Eye** (1996) (93963) **7.30 UK Top 10** (6673) **8.00 Crimson Tide** (1995) (75321) **10.00 Legends of the Fall** (1995) (69425654) **12.15am Body Shot** (1993) (9802421) **1.55 Your Beating Heart** (1991) (678267) **3.35 Dracula AD 1972** (1972) (20493990)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Dear Brigitte (1965) (2479012) **8.00 Explorers** (1985) (2481857) **10.00 Sea of Love** (1989) (4805760) **12.00 Return to Salem's Lot** (1987) (1828258) **1.40am Salome's Last Dance** (1988) (36942819) **3.10 The Glass Key** (1942) (73868432) **4.35-5.35 The Dancing Masters** (1943) (2679971)

TNT

8.00pm WCW Nitro (87892215) **9.00 Ride the High Country** (1962) (87895302) **11.00 Escape from Fort Bravo** (1953) (77448147) **12.45am The Rounders** (1965) (18825432) **2.15-5.00 Deaf Smith and Johnny Ears** (1973) (12432180)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (47055) **7.30** Wrestling (26286) **8.30** Racing News (27895) **9.00** Sports Centre (18147) **9.30** Aerobics (64437) **10.00** Tight Lines (82286) **11.00** Cricket: Kent v Leicestershire — Live (46166) **1.00pm** Second Innings (97596) **1.30** Cricket — Live (1233128) **6.00** Sports Centre (8673) **6.30** World Sport Special (9825) **7.00** Rugby League: Leeds v Adelaide — Live (311236) **9.30** Wild Sports (45789) **10.00** Sports Centre (93012) **10.30** Big Shots (80128) **11.30** Futbol Mundial (58383) **12.00** Sports Centre (42529) **12.30am** Rugby League: Leeds v Adelaide (25109) **2.30** Wrestling (81635) **4.30-5.00** Sports Centre (93971)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Football: Irish Tournament (8179147) **10.00** Wrestling (8217673) **12.00** Wild Sports (8067426) **12.30am-1.00** World Sport Special (4149722)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Football: Big Shots (10167296) **1.00pm** Rugby League: World Club Championship (52798514) **3.00** Gaelic Games (60609234) **4.00** Motorsport: Formula Three (60688741) **5.00** Golf: LPGA Jamie Farr Kroger Classic (52896708) **6.00** Wild Sports (19303166) **6.30** The Winning Post: Pontefract and Newmarket — Live (63913321) **9.00-11.30** Golf: Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic — Live (13393321)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Sailing (11708) **8.00** Rowing: World Cup (58499) **9.00** Football: IFK Gothenburg v Liverpool (62944) **11.00** International Motorsports Magazine (97128) **12.00** Motorcycling: German Grand Prix Qualifying Practice — Live (65031) **2.00pm** Tour De France — Live (894031) **4.30** Tennis: Mercedes Cup (91654) **6.00** Motorcycling: German Grand Prix Qualifying Practice (28012) **7.00** Fencing: World Championships — Live (78429) **8.00** Truck Racing: Europa Truck Trial (11147) **9.00** Tour De France (91383) **10.00** Motorcycling: German Grand Prix Qualifying Practice (94470) **11.00** Boxing: Ricardo Kennedy v TBA (47091) **12.00-12.30am** Tour De France Roadbook (64797)

UK GOLD

7.00am Tellystack (6492505) **7.35** Neighbours (5895383) **8.00** Crossroads (4262009) **8.25** EastEnders (7429215) **9.00** The Bill (4277012) **9.30** Shelley (8711925) **10.00** Tellystack (1933031) **10.30** The Sullivans (4273236) **11.00** Bergerac (49005692) **12.05pm** Crossroads (61522147) **12.30** Neighbours (8715741) **1.00** EastEnders (5463876) **1.35** The Two Ronnies (2111586) **2.30** Executive Stress (9873895) **3.00** Goldmaster (2767166) **3.30** The Bill (9845012) **4.00** Boon Christmas Special (1689499) **5.00** Casualty (86735147) **6.05** EastEnders (8030944) **6.40** Porridge (1112555) **7.35** Dr Who: The Android Invasion (9742708) **8.05** After the Snow (6874050) **8.20** Hi-De-Hi (8805147) **9.00** The Bill (1678383) **9.30** Taggart (43315437) **11.35** FILM: Manhunter (1578760) **1.35am** Shoestring (3186708) **2.25** Shopping (14096722)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (1123499) **7.00** Coronation St (4588993) **7.30** Families (1538578) **8.00** Surprise! Surprise! (4830857) **9.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5677437) **10.00** Gentle Touch (9633942) **11.00** London's Burning (5233166) **12.00** Coronation St (4987418) **12.30pm** Families (2387019) **1.00** Two's Company (5838334) **1.30** The Beautiful Home Show (7212960) **2.00** Surprise! Surprise! (9869166) **3.00** Gentle Touch (5697418) **4.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5676925) **5.00** London's Burning (1571147) **6.00** Families (6452963) **6.30** Coronation St (6443215) **7.00** Gentle Touch (1320470) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (1346418) **9.00** Coronation St (5605437) **9.30** Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club (6767875) **10.00-11.00** London's Burning (1329741)

Ellen Barkin proves irresistible to Al Pacino (Sky Movies Gold, 10pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (70050) **6.30** Fasie Tale Theatre (38811) **7.30** Little Mermaid (7112708) **7.55** Timon and Pumbaa (6072234) **8.10** Goof Troop (4452079) **9.00** Tale Spin (6733925) **9.25** Aladdin (8671708) **10.15** Mighty Ducks (3970079) **11.00** Boy Meets World (5119944) **11.25** The Wonder Years (5604986) **11.50** Timon and Pumbaa (4488215) **12.05pm** Bonkers (1928383) **12.30** Microscopic Milton (38526234) **12.35** Big Garage (35860673) **12.50** Sing Me a Story (6926673) **1.15** Amazing Animals (53328437) **1.40** Adventures in Wonderland (21707654) **2.05** Small Stories (85883895) **2.10** Lamb Chop's Play-Along (32533418) **2.40** Care Bears (7983302) **3.00** Little Mermaid (4857673) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (6256586) **3.40** Tale Spin (4792321) **4.05** Tale Spin (9605031) **4.30** Everyday's a Chooseday (9514) **5.00** Aladdin (4587215) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (5879499) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (726857) **6.00** Gargoyles (8499) **6.30** The Wonder Years (2079) **7.00** The Wayne Manifesto (9692) **7.30** FILM: Heavyweights (94050) **9.00-10.00** Flipper (62895)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (5830673) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (6078992) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (6989383) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (6988418) **8.00** Beetleborgs (8772857) **8.30** Crocadoo (8771128) **9.00** Rimba's Island (6516963) **9.20** The Magic Box (9874166) **9.45** Dudley the Dragon (2393012) **10.05** Rimba's Island (7519499) **10.29** The Magic Box (6479128) **11.00** Jin Jin (6890586) **11.30** Pinocchio (6891215) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (8775944) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (36176598) **12.50** Power Rangers Zeo (50576352) **1.10** Beetleborgs (12231586) **1.30** Eek! (9714673) **2.00** Life with Louie (5705429) **2.30** Crocadoo (5405147) **3.00** Gadget Boy (6250514) **3.30** Eek! (5400692) **4.00** Life with Louie (5496499) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (5485383) **5.00** Beetleborgs (7705609) **5.30** Spiderman (5409963) **6.00** X Men (5406876) **6.30** Goosebumps (5497128)

TCC

6.00am Ionogoud (50296) **6.30** Dangermouse (71215) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (52483) **7.30** Where's Wally (21708) **8.00** Batman (57050) **8.30** Art Attack (49895) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (83963) **10.00** Gravedale High (95895) **10.30** Flash Gordon (43857) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (26963) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (29692) **12.00** Gravedale High (67437) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (94079) **1.00** Batman (97504) **1.30** Dangermouse (86050) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (1050) **2.30** Flash Gordon (3944) **3.00** Sonic (7857) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (5789) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (4296) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (3708)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **8.00pm**. Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dr Seuss (12012) **6.30** Will Quack Quack etc (74789) **7.00** Babar (47037) **7.30** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (84654) **8.00** Jumanji (26166) **8.30** Hey Arnold! (25437) **9.00** Rugrats (16789) **9.30** Rugrats (52079) **10.00** Doug (58741) **10.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (65483) **11.00** Rocko (97079) **11.30** Ren and Stimpy (98708) **12.00** Pete and Pete (96925) **12.30pm** Clarissa (56895) **1.00** Alex Mack (97578) **1.30** Round the Twist (55166) **2.00** Bailey Kipper (9186) **2.30** Littlest Pet Shop (5586) **3.00** Shokin' Around (9673) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (8401) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (9166) **4.30** Rugrats (8050) **5.00** Sister Sister (1418) **5.30** Sister Sister (9302) **6.00** Moesha (6215) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8645)

TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (4282944) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (8740437) **1.00** Madison (9447895) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (8749708) **2.00** Swan's Crossing (2740499) **2.30** Blast (9869963) **3.00** Byker Grove (2752234) **3.30** Hangtime (9870708) **4.00** California Dreams (9859215) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (9855499) **5.00** Sweet Valley High (2764079) **5.30** Ready or Not (9879079) **6.00** Hangtime (9869692) **6.30** Madison (9850944) **7.00** Saved by the Bell (2744215) **7.30-8.00** California Dreams (9856128)

BRAVO

8.00pm Screeners (2753963) **8.30** New Twilight Zone (2732470) **9.00** LA Heat (6387505) **10.00** Tour of Duty (6380692) **11.00** **FILM: The Black Cat** (7709799) **1.00am** LA Heat (4103600) **2.00** Tour of Duty (5630277) **3.00** **FILM: The Black Cat** (8762797) **5.00** Screeners (6809548) **5.30** New Twilight Zone (1881384)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (1654) **7.30** Family Ties (6079) **8.00** E UK (9342) **8.30** Wings (9437) **9.00** Cheers (77215) **9.30** **FILM: Jabberwocky** (50857) **11.30** London Underground (54925) **12.00** Soap (60971) **12.30am** Pig Sty (10432) **1.00** Cheers (83548) **1.30** Roseanne (26797) **2.00** E UK (55884) **2.30** Paramount Presents (47819) **3.00** Family Ties (90884) **3.30** Wings (58971)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am The Twilight Zone (8443906) **1.30** One Step Beyond (5121600) **2.00** Friday the 13th (9342797) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows (8400722)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (4275654) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (8742895) **10.00** Garden Club (1931673) **10.30** Craftwise (4204166) **11.00** Room for Improvement (1696789) **11.30** Sweet Things (1697418) **12.00** Julia Child (4295418) **12.30pm** Hometime (8713383) **1.00** This Old House (9410741) **1.30** New Yankee Workshop (8712654) **2.00** Tool Box (2746673) **2.30** Driving Passions (9871437) **3.00** Driving Passions (2765708) **3.30** Roadrunner (9843654)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm World of Adventures (9862789) **4.30** Ambulance! (9851673) **5.00** Connections (2737925) **5.30** Jurassica (9842925) **6.00** Wild Sanctuaries (9872166) **6.30** Giants of the Nullarbor (9863418) **7.00** Invention (2757789) **7.30** Time Travellers (9852302) **8.00** Crocodile Territory (6370215) **9.00** New Detectives (6390079) **10.00** Justice Files (6393166) **11.00** Hitler (9437418) **12.00** State of Alert (1966529) **12.30am** Ambulance! (9143277) **1.00** Time Travellers (4232548) **1.30-2.00** Connections 2 (7689971)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Great Days of the Century: 1914-1918 (9237437) **5.00** Memories of 83 (6710586) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (9705031) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Adam and Eve (8159383)

CHALLENGE TV

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5.05pm Cross Wits (7647876) **5.50** Family Fortunes (734876) **6.30** Catchphrase (624586) **7.05** Winner Takes All (768654) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (579857) **8.20** All Clued Up (644835) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (978050) **9.35** Sale of the Century (870079) **10.10** Treasure Hunt (337147) **11.20** Studs (637147) **12.00** Winner Takes All (45105) **12.30am** Hart to Hart (60242) **1.30** Sweet Justice (15616) **2.30** African Skies (85093) **3.00** My Two Dads (38068) **3.30** Big Brother Jake (76345) **4.00** The Fall Guy (47703) **5.00** Shopping (18906)

UK LIVING

7.00am Tiny Living (36243215) **9.05** Gladrags and Glamour (4398876) **9.15** Gordon Elliott (3601741) **10.05** Jerry Springer (3688505) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3846760) **11.50** The New Mr and Mrs Show (9519166) **12.25pm** Why Me? Real Life Case Studies (70157876) **12.55** Tempestt (4617708) **1.40** Rolonda (2120925) **2.30** The Agony Experience (5585147) **3.00** Live at Three (90179128) **4.05** Jerry Springer (6452215) **5.05** Lingo (57331234) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (5689963) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (7310012) **6.35** The Heat Is On (2419321) **7.05** Hearts Afire (7663760) **7.35** Delia Smith (1247586) **8.05** Rolonda (3536383) **9.00** **FILM: Whisperkill** (2471470) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files (9206654)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** ZEE Presents **8.00** Raahat **8.25** Ek Nazar **8.30** Positive Health Show **9.00** Punjabi Folk **9.30** Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup **10.00** Chalo Cinema **10.30** Mystery Theatre **11.00** Zaike ka Safar **11.30** Live Asia Cup Cricket **7.30pm** Mast Mast Hai Zindagi **8.00** News and Euronews **8.35** Parampara **9.00-12.00** **FILM: Darpan**

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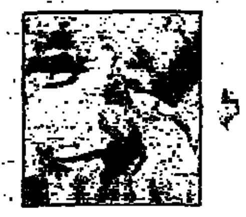


Furyk and Clarke stand firm to share early lead in Open Championship

Windswept Troon takes heavy toll

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

JIM FURYK and Darren Clarke can seldom have played better than they did on the opening day of the 126th Open Championship. As more distinguished names reeled from the indignities heaped upon them by a Royal Troon course at its most demanding. Furyk, 27, and Clarke, 28, had rounds of 67 to share the early lead.

As Ian Baker-Finch, the 1991 champion, tumbled to a 92, 17 men scored in the 80s and only nine men were under par as the sun began to set, it would be stretching things to say that Furyk and Clarke made light of the 7,079 yards of Ayrshire countryside that other competitors found so difficult. What made the course so testing was the northwesterly wind that blew at about 15-20mph for most of the day, speeding competitors away from the clubhouse and causing them all sorts of torture from the moment that they turned for home.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP '97

TELEVISION: BBC2: Live 10.30am-12.30pm, 1.0-7.30pm. Highlights 9.0-9.40pm

RADIO: BBC Radio 5 Live: from 1.30pm

WEATHER: mainly dry with patchy cloud, sunshine at times.

Furyk and Clarke had to fight tooth and nail over the fearsome inward nine to consolidate scores that they had created on the outward half, but to be four under par on a day when the realistic par was probably 72 or 73 is no small achievement for men who could be in their respective Ryder Cup teams in two months.

Greg Norman, Fred Couples and Justin Leonard scored 69s and all did so when the wind was at its strongest. Davis Love III and Andrew Magee are three strokes behind Furyk and Clarke and so is Jesper Parnevik, who managed the astonishing feat of birdieing four of his last five holes. Colin Montgomerie played as poorly as he always does in the first round of an Open and took a 76, while Nick Faldo appeared to be revelling in the difficult conditions posed on the homeward half. Having dropped one stroke on the 10th, he then reeled off seven pars before finishing with a flourish by holing a 25-foot putt on the last green for a 71.

Furyk is tall, solidly built and the son of a professional. He has perhaps the most distinctive swing in golf, one that appears to contradict every piece of conventional wisdom. Clarke is as tall, as heavy, and one of the sights these days is to see him squeeze his massive frame into the tiny interior of a Ferrari. Both, however, plant themselves solidly and can strike the ball so that it bores its way through a wind.

There is more to getting around Royal Troon in such conditions than hitting a ball. It takes patience and a golfing wisdom that comes with experience. "When I first came over I was 26," Furyk said. "I had no Walker Cup experience and thought to myself on the way over: 'Hey, it's still golf, man.' That's the name of the game. You've still got to get the ball into the hole in as few strokes as possible."

Rounds of 84 and 75 at windswept Carnoustie in the Scottish Open last year taught Furyk that he had not yet mastered the art of playing in a wind, but yesterday suggested that he has now.

Clarke said that the enormous putt he holed on the 11th was one of the most significant strokes he hit all day. It was all of 70 feet and a birdie on such a difficult hole put an extra spring in his stride as he turned to face those other long par-fours on the homeward journey. It probably felt like a hole in one.

Whether Tiger Woods has learnt about the art of getting it round in the way that Furyk was talking about is a moot point. Woods made several mistakes, such as hitting enormous drives that ended in bunkers, on the 1st and the 7th for example. He was only one over par on the outward half, when the wind was helping, and a seven on the 11th was the score of a young man not quite at ease. Woods is joined by Tom Watson and Curtis Strange on level par.

Clarke, whose battling 67 enabled him to match Furyk for the first-round lead, plays out of the rough to the 18th green yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

This was a day worthy of an Open Championship, a day of three distinct weather conditions. The day dawned cold, grey, and windy enough to whip up whitecaps on the waves in the Firth of Clyde. "My goodness," an American exclaimed. "Don't they know it's July?" It was reminiscent of a remark made by a Japanese during the 1986 Open at Turnberry. Having come into the haven of the clubhouse cold and soaked to the skin he asked: "Why don't they hold the British Open in summer?"

Slowly, the greyness disappeared, and by late afternoon the sun came out strongly to cast shadows on a few golfers brushing up on their putting on the green by the clubhouse. The wind, which had been constant most of the day, slowly began to ease off. It was a wonderful day for golf on a links, a wonderful day for the Open.

It was not only the homeward holes that posed such a threat. The 8th was also into the wind and its little green must have looked every bit the size of a stamp. The experiences of Montgomerie, Watson, who had a 71, and Mark McNulty, who scored 78, were representative of the difficulties that the players faced on this hole. Not one found the putting surface from the tee and not one was close after two strokes. The length of the hole? Just 126 yards.

Jack Nicklaus was one of a small group who matched par coming home in a round of 73.

Advance guard 44
Montgomerie misery 44
Lynne Truss 45

No one bettered it. Only once did he use a club smaller than a five-iron for a second shot and that was on the 12th, where he reached the green with a seven-iron.

It is worth recording what clubs Nicklaus used as he battled back towards the clubhouse: 10th — two drivers; 11th — driver and two-iron; 12th — driver and seven-iron; 13th — driver, five-iron and full nine-iron; 14th — three-iron to 15 feet; 15th — driver, sand wedge from a bunker, four-iron; 16th — driver, two-iron, four-iron from where he holed his fourth shot; 17th — driver; 18th — driver, one-iron.

"Par on the homeward nine realistically was 39," Nicklaus said. "Let's face it, there are six par-fives, six holes I could not reach in two strokes. I only just reached the crosswalk on the 18th with my drive and had to hit a one-iron to the green. That's a par-five to me."

Lee Westwood was of the same view. "There were six par-fives on the back nine today," Westwood, one of the longest hitters in Europe, said after a 73.

EARLY FIRST-ROUND LEADERBOARD

4 Par · Under par · Over par

Royal Troon: Par 71 (7,079 yards)
Outward nine - 36 (3,429 yards); Inward nine - 35 (3,650 yards)

Total under par	Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1st rnd	2nd rnd	3rd rnd	4th rnd	Total
	Yards	364	391	379	557	210	577	402	126	423	438	463	431	465	179	457	542	223	452					
	Par	4	4	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4					
-4	D Clarke	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	4	3	4	[illegible]	3	[illegible]	67				67
-4	J Furyk	3	4	4	4	3	5	3	2	4	4	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	5	3	[illegible]	67				67
-2	G Norman	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	3	[illegible]	4	4	4	[illegible]	3	4	5	3	[illegible]	69				69
-2	F Couples	3	4	4	4	3	4	2	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	4	3	4	5	3	[illegible]	69				69
-2	J Leonard	4	3	4	5	3	3	5	3	4	4	4	4	[illegible]	3	4	[illegible]	3	4	69				69
-1	A Cabrera	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	4	5	3	4	70				70
-1	D Love III	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	[illegible]	4	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	3	4	70				70
-1	A Magee	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	[illegible]	4	4	4	[illegible]	4	5	[illegible]	4	70				70
-1	J Parnevik	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	4	[illegible]	4	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	70				70

Baker-Finch makes up numbers

By Patricia Davies

IAN BAKER-FINCH made one bad decision this week and one good one. The bad decision was to play in the first round of the Open. The good decision was to admit his error and withdraw after a 92, 21 over par, that was gruesomely Flitcroftian.

Maurice Flitcroft is the former crane driver who keeps trying to sneak into the Open qualifying. This, however, was the championship proper and Baker-Finch, champion in such style at Royal Birkdale in 1991, is in a different category altogether.

The long, lean Queenslander had five pars (only one of them in an inward nine of 48) six bogeys, six double bogeys and one triple, at the 542-yard 16th, where his first drive went soaring right, out of bounds somewhere near the tented village and the next was a quick hook left. At the end the scorers had to make up a special number 92 because the official ones stopped at 91.

Baker-Finch agonised before the round — to play or not to play and allowed himself to be persuaded by family and friends that he should — and he was in agony during it. The cause of the discomfort was not the bad back that has been troubling him recently, but a game that simply was not ready to take on Troon, which was as fierce and unforgiving as it is necessary for a golf course to be.

A brisk northwesterly breeze (in Troon terms — it might count as windy elsewhere) ensured that the inward nine was in its Henry VIII "off with his head" mode. It was a place to test the best, but not a place to test out a fragile, if improving, swing nor a level of confidence that started at zero and plummeted as the round ground on. It broke Baker-Finch's heart.

"This will either make or break him," Gary Edwin, the coach who has been working with Baker-Finch for the past few months, said anxiously. "It's just a shame, such a setback."

Baker-Finch, 36, had been given a season's leave of absence by the US PGA Tour. The tour handbook tells the story in stark facts: "Another year of struggles … failed to make a cut for the second consecutive season." Baker-Finch went home to Australia after the Open last year and started working with Edwin after missing the cut in the Heineken Classic in Perth at the end of January.

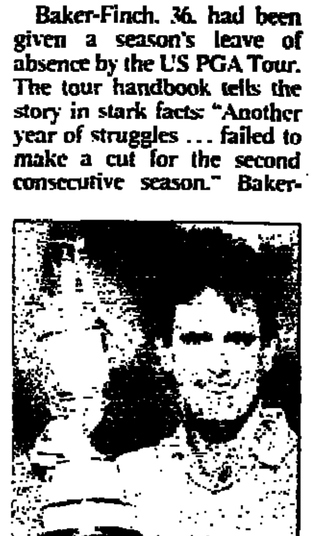
Hole (par) yards	strokes	Hole (par) yards	strokes
1st (4) 364	4	10th (4) 438	5
2nd (4) 391	6	11th (4) 463	5
3rd (4) 379	5	12th (4) 431	5
4th (5) 557	6	13th (4) 465	6
5th (3) 210	3	14th (3) 179	3
6th (5) 577	7	15th (4) 457	6
7th (4) 402	4	16th (5) 542	8
8th (3) 126	5	17th (3) 223	5
9th (4) 423	4	18th (4) 452	5
OUT (36) 3,429	44	IN (35) 3,650	48
		TOTAL	92

Things had started to improve but Baker-Finch, the man who drove out of bounds at the first hole in the first round of the Open at St Andrews two years ago, never looked comfortable yesterday. He seemed tight and tense on the cramped 1st tee, and when he set up to the ball he looked like what he was — a man working on his swing and far from comfortable with the changes. Todd Woodbridge, the tennis player, was caddying but all he could do was offer support as his mate disintegrated in public, giving every spectator a sick feeling in the pit of their stomach.

Playing reasonable golf with friends in Ireland and France, as he did last week, is not enough. As Baker-Finch said afterwards: "I can play well at times, but I have not been competing so I'm not sharp. And that's what I was concerned about if we had a day like today. The hardest thing is being an Open champion and just wanting to do so well puts extra pressure on yourself."

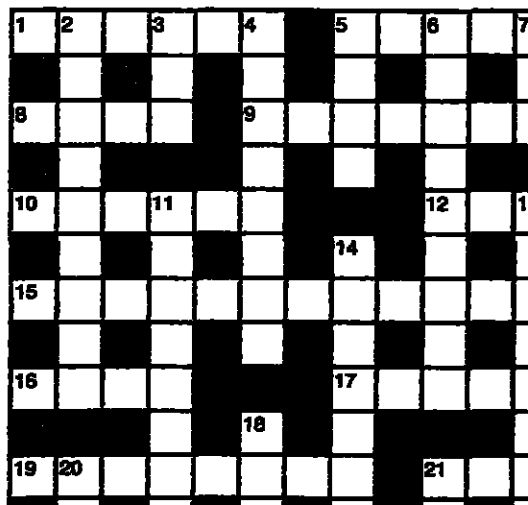
Russell Claydon, his playing partner, who struggled to a 79 of his own, paid tribute to Baker-Finch. "His attitude was great," he said. "He behaved like a gentleman. I'd like to think I'd be able to behave like that in those circumstances."

Baker-Finch's love of the game and his spirit had kept him going and he will need to draw deep on both now. The decision to play yesterday was brave but foolhardy. Now only he can decide if it was terminal.



Baker-Finch's glory days of 1991 were a distant memory at Royal Troon yesterday, where he went round in 92

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
1 Maintenance (6)
5 Girl preferred by gentlemen (6)
8 Little problem: catch (fabric) (4)
9 Dorset Bill, building stone (8)
10 King Macbeth murdered (6)
12 Translation: cradle (4)
15 Fr. statesman: thick steak (13)
16 Court summons: (Holy) Scripture (4)
17 Infer (6)
19 Raillery (8)
21 Sweet: deceive (4)
22 Feast: extend (6)
23 Beat severely (6)

DOWN
2 Clerk (*derog.*) (3-6)
3 One that hatches: encourage (3)
4 Conceited ass (8)
5 Sc. stream: be passionate (4)
6 Sibless youngster (4,5)
7 Black-belt grade: Jewish tribe (3)
11 Nearly be late (3,2,4)
13 Harmless (9)
14 Docile (8)
18 Poet (4)
20 Swiss mountain (3)
21 Animal-skin coat (3)

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